

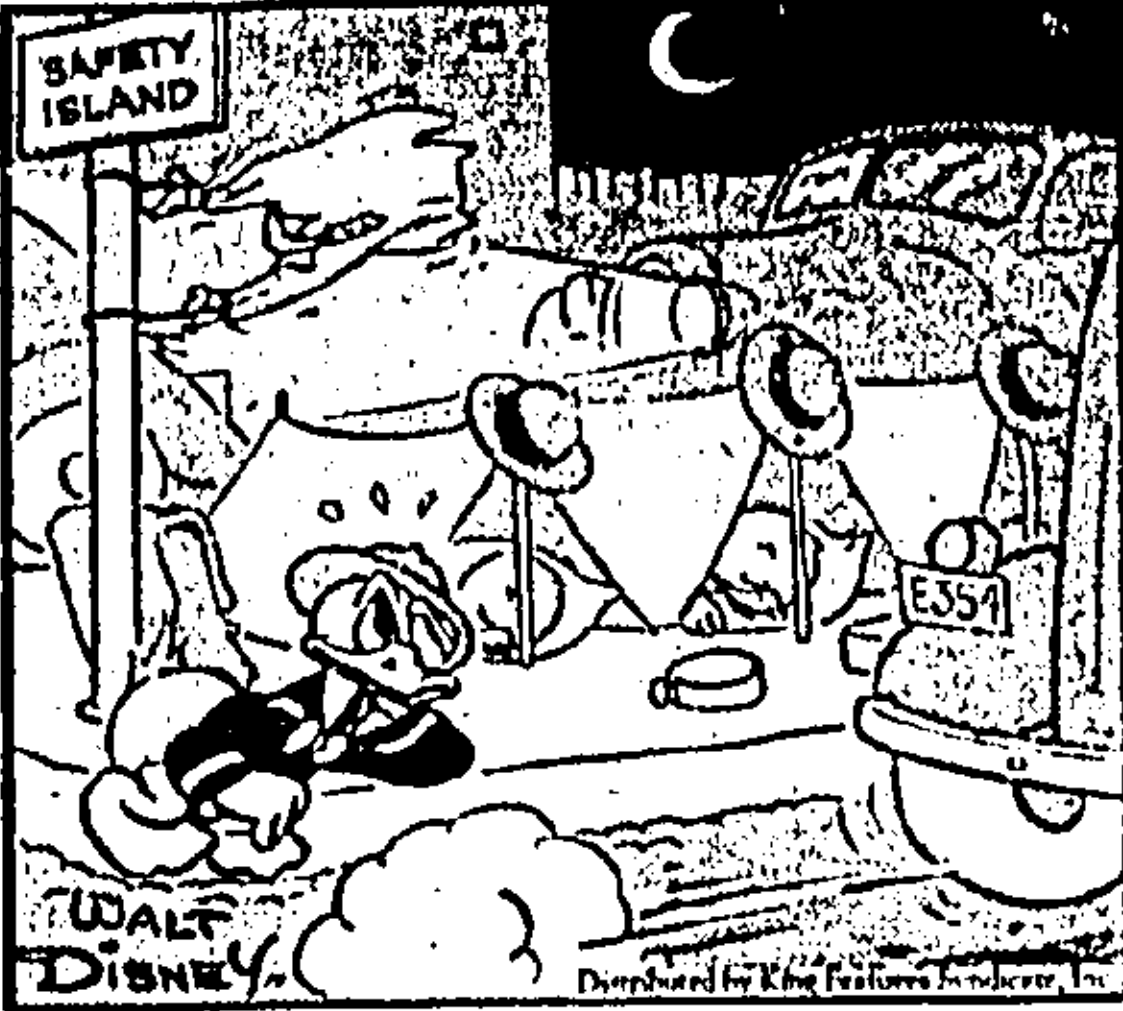
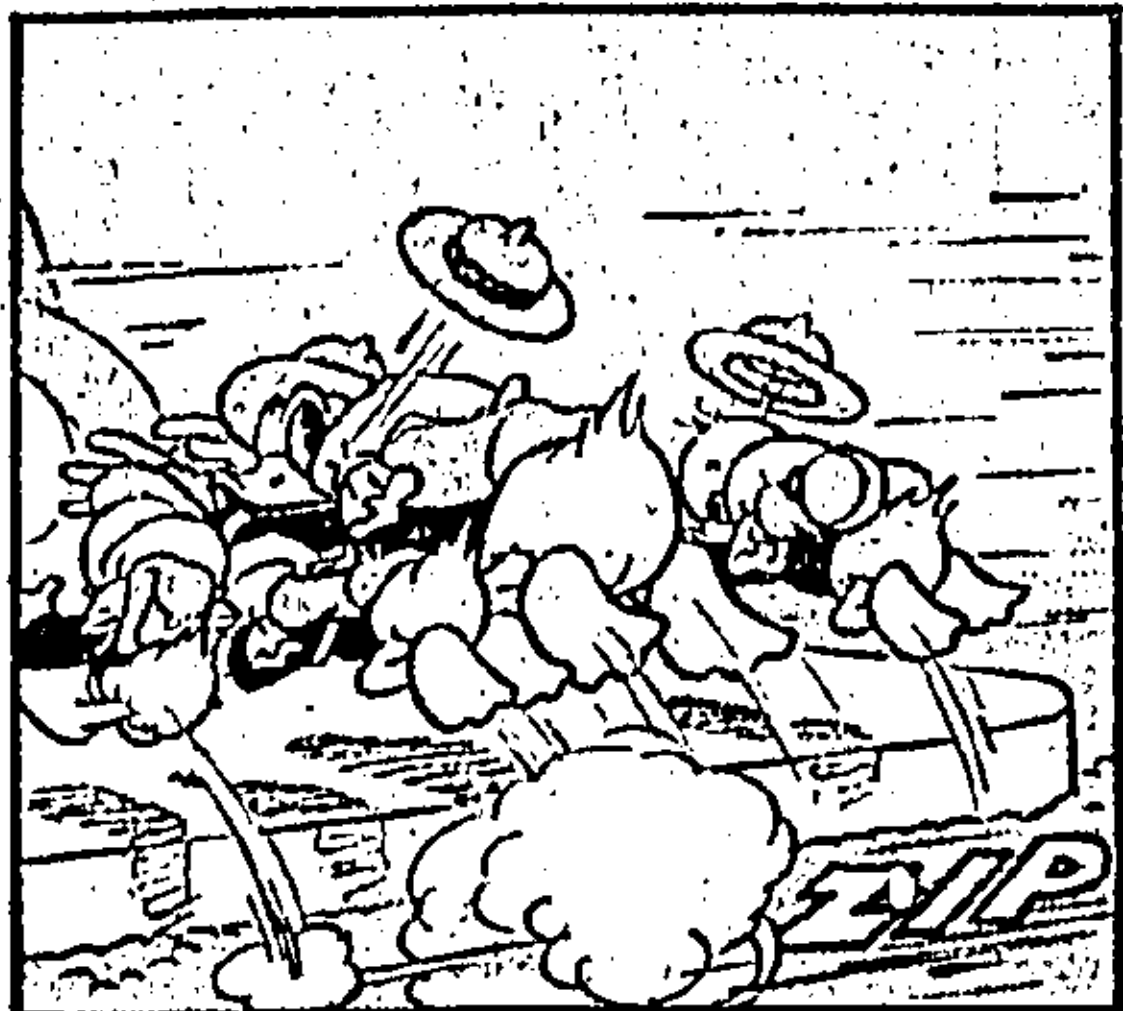
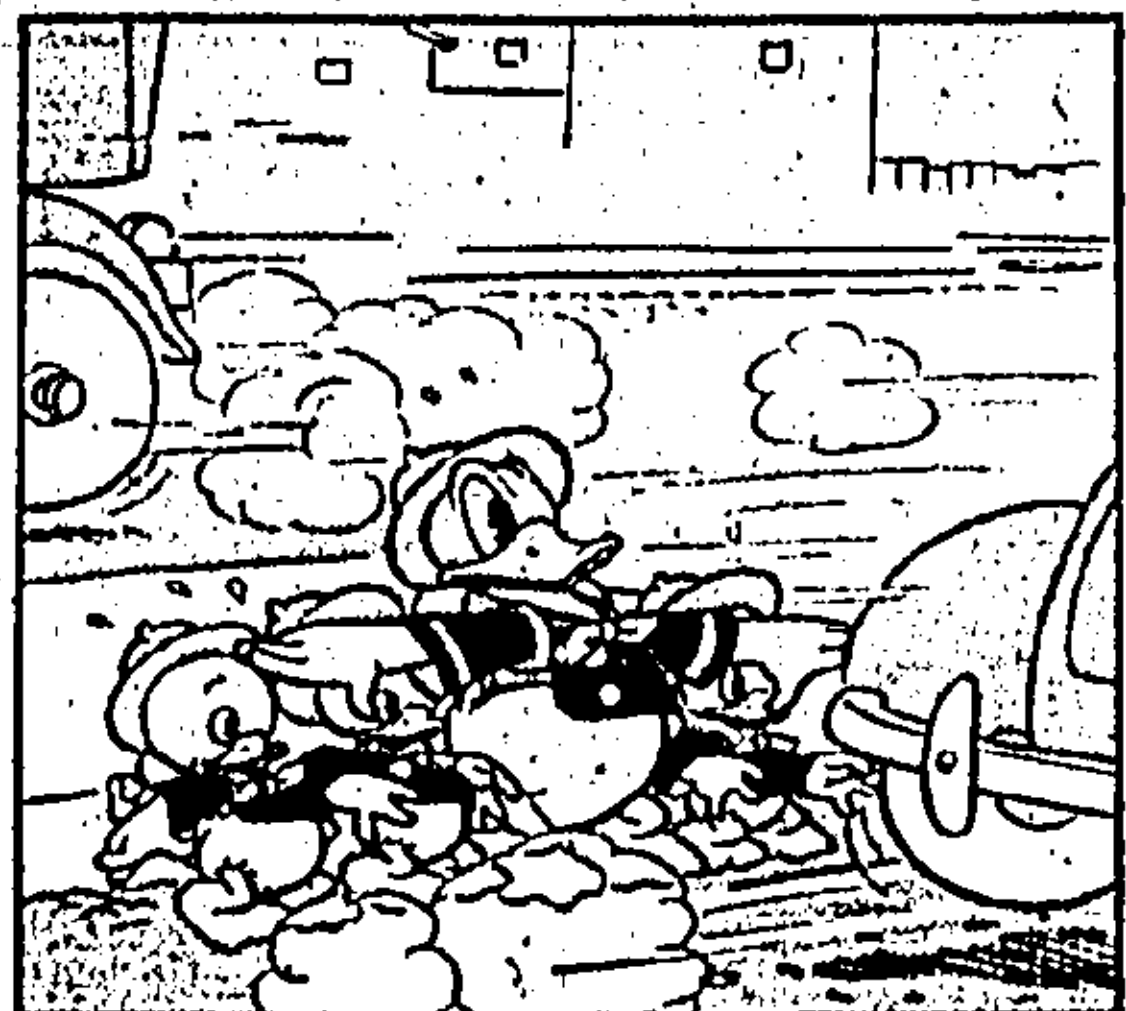
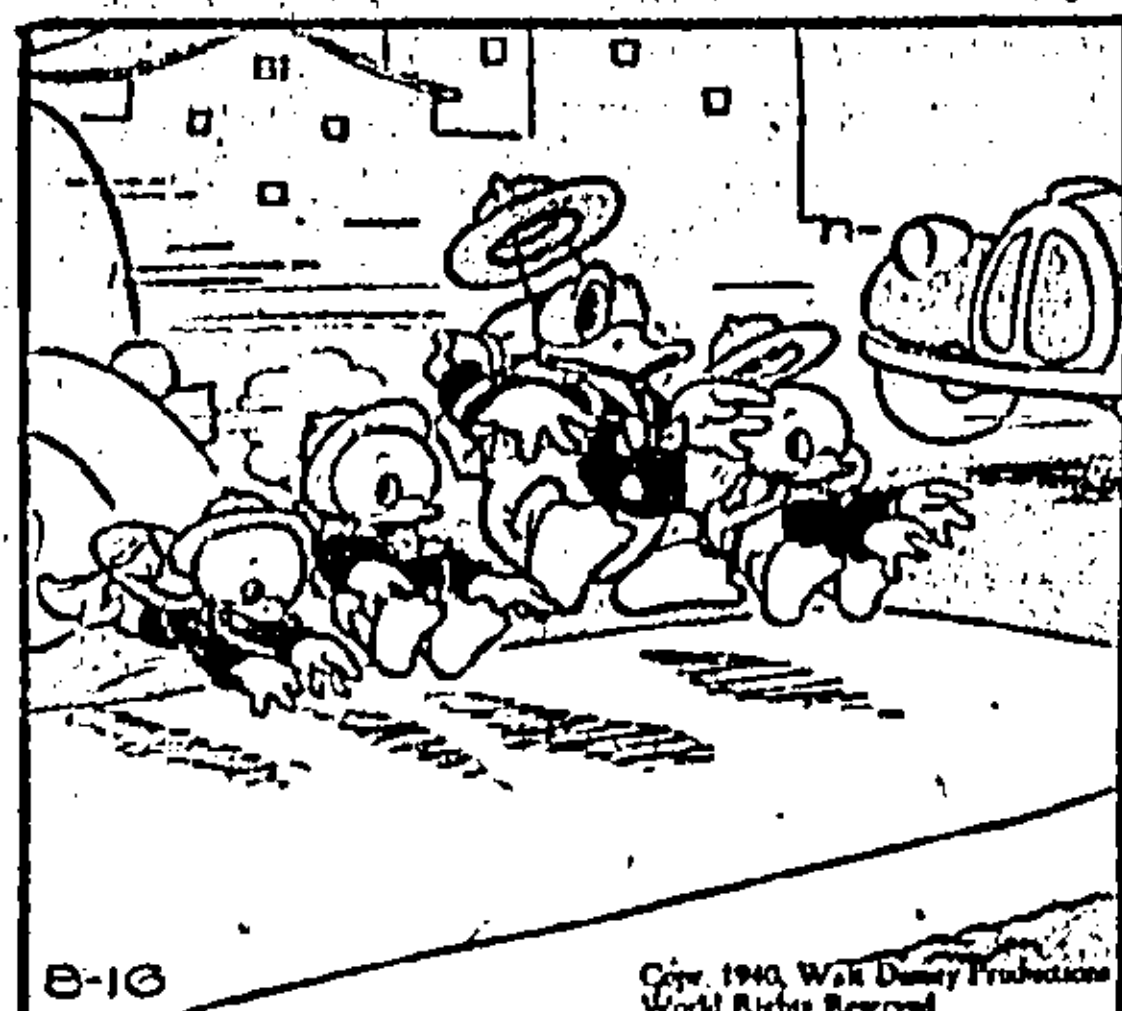








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SCIENCE IN WAR

Germany has mobilised her scientific resources for conquest. How does Britain stand in this regard? Book reviewed here, which has been compiled by a group of British scientists, states the problems and gives the answers.

WE live in a technological world, which means a world made possible by scientific discovery. If we do not make full use of science and the techniques and mechanisms that it makes available, we shall not make the fullest success out of whatever we undertake.

Science and scientific method (besides being pure know-

lished by Penguin Books Ltd., is that we have lagged badly behind the Germans in realising the importance, or rather the necessity, of exploiting scientific technique to the uttermost in modern war, and that we cannot hope to win unless we speedily take steps to repair our error.

HOW many people know that a German professor called Haber enabled Germany to

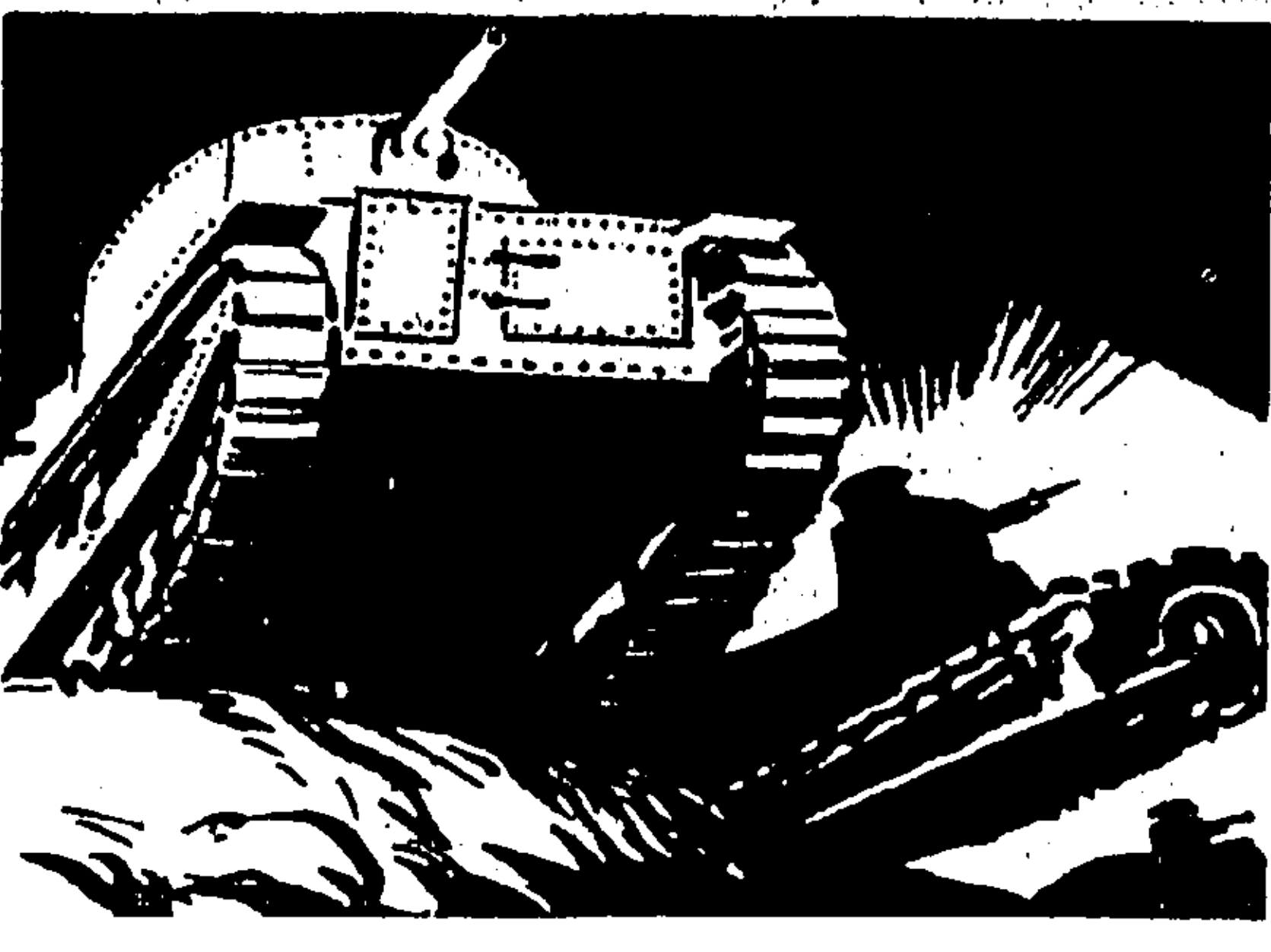
By Professor JULIAN HUXLEY

ledge) constitute an instrument for acquiring control of the world. It is only an instrument and thus can be used for ends that are good, bad, or indifferent. But it is also the only instrument for securing efficient control of the forces which surround us.

The main thesis of "Science in War," a volume just pub-

lished for four years in the last war? Without his discovery of how to make nitrates from the nitrogen of the air, Germany would have had neither enough explosives nor fertilisers for more than two or at most three years.

And one example from this war. The magnetic mine seemed to constitute a major threat to our shipping. But



within a few weeks of the first dismantlement of an unexploded mine, science had not only discovered but applied methods for making steel ships as safe from the new menace as wooden ones.

What of the present and the future? The authors of this book claim not only that the Germans have been much more scientific than we in developing the tank (a British invention) and the strategy of tank-warfare—which is fairly evident—but that scientific imagination, drawing on the experience of the Spanish War, could by now have solved the problem of anti-tank measures.

THEY assert that the failures of our and the French anti-tank guns could have been prophesied, and that without doubt the solution seems to be in the liberal use of high explosives, probably in large grenades.

Food is one of the major problems of modern war.

Here, too, Germany is being more scientific than we, for instance, in issuing vitamin supplements to all children. Our authors maintain that for less than £2,000,000 a year every man, woman and child in this country could be provided with a "vitamin biscuit"

containing enough of the ten important minerals to maintain health even if the rest of the diet were grossly deficient in protective foodstuffs.

In general, the nation's food policy in this war has not been a scientific one. That does not mean that scientists have not been consulted or that scientific ideas have played no part; but policy as a whole has been a compromise between the ideas of the scientists, tradition, the views of the National Farmers' Union, and various vested interests. If it had been radically scientific, it would have posed the problem in straightforward terms—first, how will it be possible to ensure to every human-being in Britain a diet up to the standard which modern physiology has discovered to be necessary for full energy? Secondly, how can we economise to the maximum extent (consonant with our foreign economic policy) on shipping space needed for imported food? If the Government had thought along these lines, we should by now have had a very different result, both in the pattern of our agriculture and the average diet of the people.

Here are a few of the other topics which the book raises. This war is producing new types of wounds. Science is beginning to think out new ways of treating and prevent-

ing them; but the efforts are haphazard and fragmentary, not co-ordinated on a large scale.

New and rapid miniature methods enable X-ray photographs to be taken for a few pence instead of nearly as many shillings. By utilising these methods, all recruits both for the services and for industry could be X-rayed, and so early diagnosis of tuberculosis (and other diseases) obtained. This would make not only for increased war efficiency, but better national health in the future.

Camouflage depends on perfectly definite principles, which have been very thoroughly studied by biologists and physiologists. Yet, policy and execution have been left almost entirely in the hands of civil servants and artists, with, it appears, some very satisfactory results.

Each of these particular criticisms is serious enough. But behind them is something more serious because more general—an unwillingness to think in scientific terms, a resistance to new ideas, a failure to apply scientific method in the radical and thoroughgoing way which is necessary. There are exceptions. For instance, science seems to be used admirably and fully in all branches of aviation.

But a great many scientists are not being employed at all for war purposes, and most of the rest are merely used in advisory committees. This means that their job is to answer questions that are put to them; whereas any research worker knows that the first and in some ways most important business of science is to suggest new questions. The background of our Civil Service is literary and historical, and its methods are on the whole critical and designed to minimise the risk of making mistakes instead of scientific and designed to achieve results.

THE military mind is still in large measure traditional instead of experimental. In general there is an unconscious resistance, sometimes in the highest quarters, to the idea that science can be useful in purely human subjects like propaganda or morale, and to the use of scientific method in the general planning of the national effort.

But it is no longer possible to succeed by merely relying on tradition. For better or worse, the world to-day is a technological world, and that means that the war can only be won by the utmost possible utilisation of science. We have splendid scientific resources. It is urgently necessary that they be fully mobilised and used in the right ways and the right places.

GERMANY'S ACHILLES HEEL

HOW much oil does Hitler's Europe need? Germany herself, including Austria, Czechoslovakia and occupied Poland, normally requires about eight million tons per annum. France's requirements amount to about seven million tons, while Italy needs some 3½ million tons annually. Among the smaller countries Rumania normally consumes 1.9 million tons, Holland 1.6 millions, Sweden 1.2 millions, Denmark 0.9 million and Belgium 0.7 million.

Allowing for the needs of the rest of Europe (excluding Spain, Portugal and Turkey), the total quantity of oil needed by Hitler's Europe adds up to no less than 27½ millions tons per annum.

Consumption can, of course, be reduced without any harmful effect on production and trade by the limitation of private motoring and by rigorous economy in other uses. Further in view of the reduction in shipping movements due to the British blockade, the quantity of oil needed for bunkering purposes will be below normal. It is very unlikely, however, that Europe's consumption can be cut below about 18 million tons per annum without crippling trade and inland transport.

How far can Hitler meet these needs from Continental European sources? On the most favourable assumptions Greater Germany may be able to produce about 5 million tons per annum; this figure includes crude oil as well as oil produced from coal and by other methods. In the present year, however, the German output may not reach this figure.

France, Albania, Hungary and Estonia can add somewhat more than one million tons annually.

Much the most important source of supply, however, is Rumania. That country is now producing at the rate of rather more than 6 million tons per annum.

But even if none of the Rumanian oil were allowed to leave Europe and even if all of it could be transported to Central, Western and Northern Europe, the Nazis could not secure more than about 12 million tons per annum in the most favourable circumstances, leaving a deficiency of 6 million tons.

Indeed, unless Germany can obtain access to additional sources of supply, Europe as a whole will be desperately short of oil, and its industries and transport will be crippled. The stocks, secured in France and the Low Countries, can at best postpone the difficulties for a few months.

Where is Germany likely to look for additional supplies? Russia now produces at the rate of about 30 million tons per annum, and a large proportion of her oilfields are located in Southern Russia, with pipelines leading into the Black Sea. But Russia has virtually nothing to spare.

Iraq can supply about four million tons per annum by way of the pipelines leading to the Mediterranean through Syria and Palestine.

Iran, which is even less accessible, can produce more than ten million tons annually.

But although the French Government of Syria has now apparently fallen in with the Italian regime, the British Navy should be able to prevent shipments from that source to Europe.

How will Hitler attempt to solve this problem? If access to the Near East across the Dardanelles is barred by the danger of a conflict with Turkey and Russia, and if he is prevented from reaching his objective by sea by the British Navy, the only other—but by no means unguarded—route open to him is along the coast of North Africa, across the Suez Canal.

WALTER HILL



Even fifty years ago Germany was thinking in terms of balloonist troops. A German engineer named George Rodek was the inventor of this saddle-balloon. A saddle with stirrups took the place of the ordinary balloon car. Around him were suspended various instruments including a grappling iron fixed to the belt at his back, and sandbags securely within his reach. A powerful incandescent searchlight was turned on at will by a string held in his hand. That was before the invention of anti-aircraft guns.

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Lights (old) \$7.15  
Telephones (old) \$24.50  
Dairy Farms \$19

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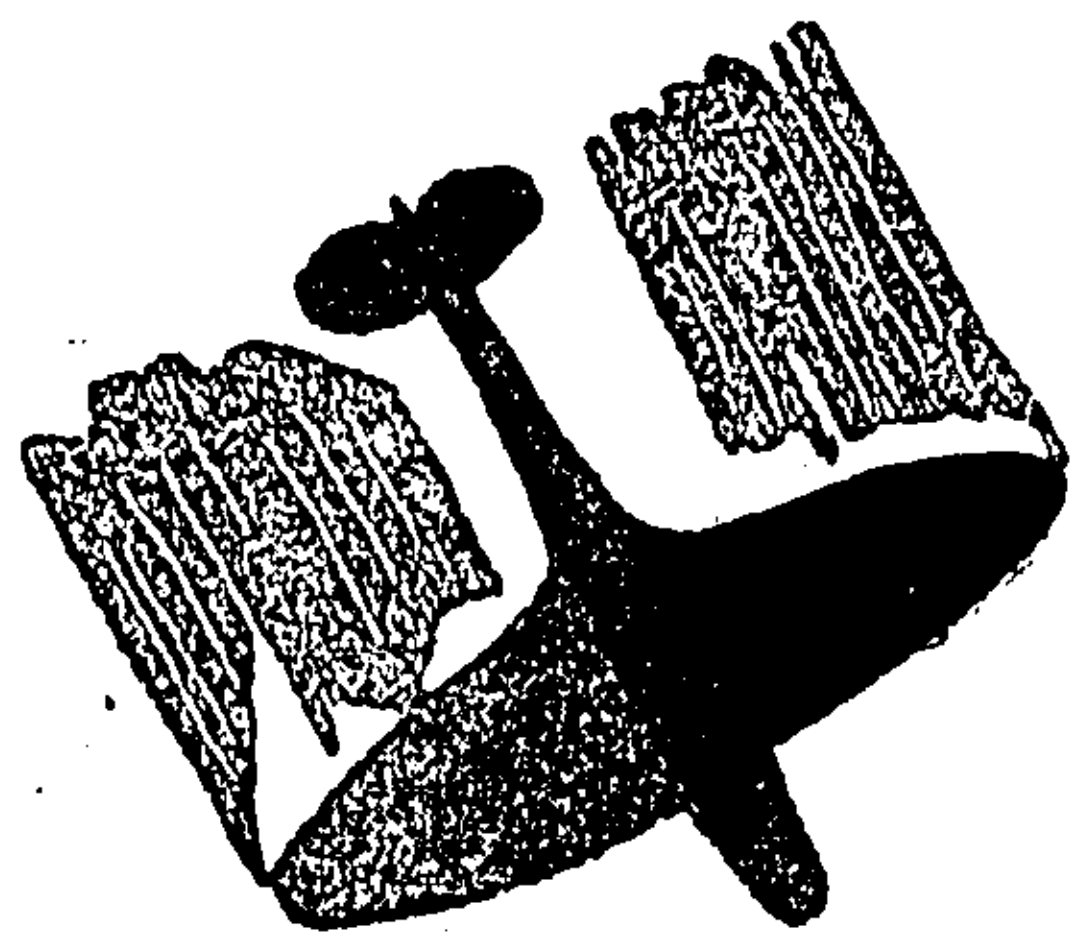
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#### Aircraft Production

Speculation as to whether Hitler will or will not attempt to invade Britain this autumn is still world-wide, but each day that fails to produce what he once called his "Blitzkrieg", indicates that the constant bombing by the R.A.F. of Germany's productive and supply centres is definitely hampering the execution of his plans.

Opinion as to his next move, is divided. Mr. Churchill expressed himself as convinced that Germany must make an attempt to invade now. Some of the more optimistic feel that he has already made an attempt but failed, while others declare that the German Fuehrer is only awaiting the fulfilment of certain plans which promise more hope of a successful invasion than the high tides and the full moon of a few days ago. On the other hand Hitler's attacks on the civilian population of Britain are a somewhat costly method of approach. They cannot lead to a victory for the German Air Force but are, on the contrary, reducing Hitler's striking power very considerably. Germany's air fleet a few weeks ago was considered to be numerically stronger than that of Britain's but the daily high percentage of losses must have very considerably lessened whatever gap existed. Experience has also shown that the quality of the British machine, especially the fighters, is superior. The limitations imposed by the supply of aviation spirit, lubricating oil and trained pilots also work in Britain's favour, but the most important factor of all in aerial warfare is the rate of production of new aircraft.

No secret is more closely guarded than this, but it has been calculated from facts known that the current production of the German and Italian aircraft factories cannot be in excess of 2,000 aeroplanes a month. Some expansion could undoubtedly be achieved but Germany and Italy will experience great difficulty, hampered by British bombing, to increase their output above 3,000 a month at any time in the foreseeable future.

In aviation circles, British production is now placed at roughly 1,800 a month. Production is, however, expanding fast and Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, has been able to clear away bottlenecks which were impeding the productive effort. But this is not the case of the Axis. Supplies from the United States and Canada are increasing. The latest telegram from Washington states that Britain is now receiving aeroplanes at the rate of 500 a month.

The development of production in those countries is of double importance, for the whole of the Axis is being attacked from the air. In the light of present day experience it is perfectly possible to imagine a state of affairs in which British bombing could reduce German and Italian output by half in the same way German bombing could reduce British output. Supplies from North America are, therefore, of even greater significance.

# At last even U.S. Middle West says STOP HIM NOW

by C. V. R. Thompson  
Special New York Reporter

IN hot mid-Western Kansas, the bread-basket of America, they used to regard a New Yorker as a foreigner, England as a country that welshed its war debts, Adolf Hitler as a nebulous bogey man.

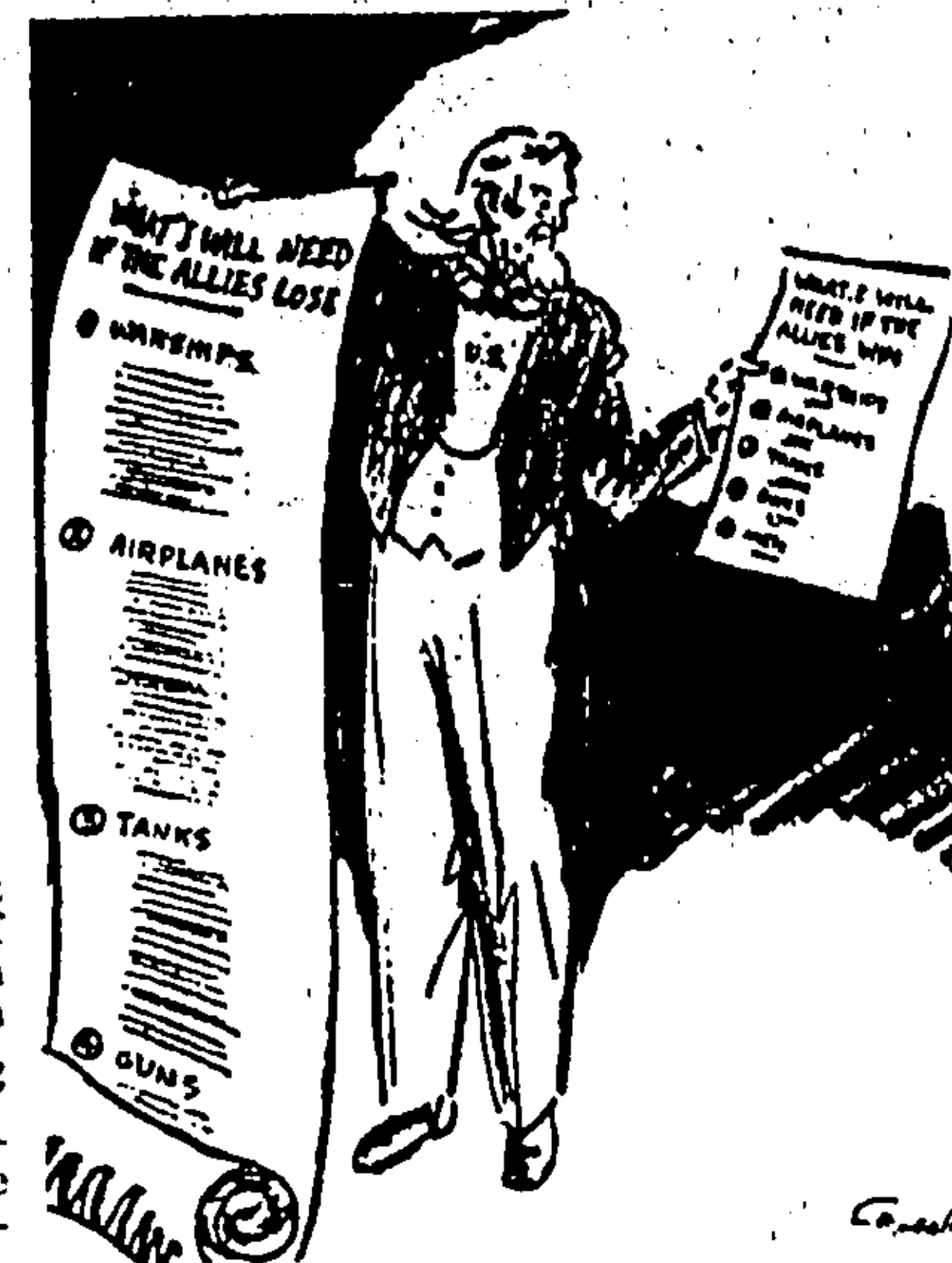
They suspected Roosevelt of thinking up plans to save his New Deal. Kansas, plumb in the middle of the American Continent, untouched by internationalism, unthreatened from east or west, used to be rabidly isolationist.

At the beginning of the war Kansas newspapers refused to concede to America even enough interest in Great War Number Two to read about it, and resisted giving it more than one column of news.

MORE sensational than the content of that advertisement was the fact that the chairman of the committee was none other than William Allen White, first citizen of isolationist Kansas. From his editor's chair in small Emporia in Kansas, White had pounded out "America for Americans" editorials for as long as most people could remember. Now he, and presumably most of the State from which he sprang, was virtually interventionist.

To Americans elsewhere this brought home the change that had come over American sentiments since the old days of last autumn, when they were talking about a "phony war." White became convinced that America's first line of defence was on the Rhine after his son, energetic William C. White, returned from Europe. White, junior watched Finland fall, toured Germany, Italy, France, and England. He came home convinced that Adolf Hitler was bent not on the conquest of Europe but the conquest of the world.

Early in June William Allen White sat down to his worn desk



of William Allen White, endorsed his committee's work.

MORE than two million names were collected for a petition urging the fullest possible aid to the Allies. All kinds of names—bankers and actresses, writers and commercial travellers, housewives and farmers.

In the hectic days before the fall of France those signatories showered American Congressmen with demands to stop Hitler now. They helped to bring America's public temperature to such a height that one untoward incident would have brought the United States to war. But that is not primarily the aim of William Allen White's committee. His plans are openly selfish. If it is possible, he would like the Allies to pull America's chestnuts out of the fire, with America supplying all the tools that are necessary. Only if the Allies were in danger of defeat would he approve of America going directly into the war.

After the defeat of France the Committee for Defending America by Aiding the Allies went into a momentary decline. Isolationists, seeing a new danger of America being dragged into the war to rescue England from what they thought was immediate defeat, began to hint at the possible appeasement of Adolf Hitler.

There was talk, a lot of it fostered by German agents and out-and-out German sympathisers, like Senator Robert Reynolds, that England was as good as beaten, and what was the use of sending her any more help?

But William Allen White continued his campaign. Now his committee considers it more important than ever to help Britain. So does the rest of America.

THE British seizure of the French Fleet, the British defeat of German bombing squadrons, British aggressiveness and British determination have suddenly taken hold of American imagination.

A week ago you would have heard hardly one American in a hundred who would give you even money that England could win the war. Now it is quite a different story. Confidence is returning, says the Sage of Kansas.

"I'd better help them win"

—cartoon from the Christian Science Monitor, Boston.

In three hundred and ninety-seven cities, suburbs, towns and villages throughout America local chapters were formed; Frank Knox printed the appeal cheques, gifts and offers of help poured in. Robert Sherwood went around theatres, and in a few days collected enough to form a committee. President Roosevelt, and enthusiastic. A committee of famous American traditionally the political enemy

## OUR TURN WILL COME

THOSE who know something of our leading military personnel find reassurance in the fact that two practical and comparatively young soldiers now hold the vital Army commands.

General Sir John Dill is Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and General Sir Alan Brooke is Commander-in-Chief of our home forces.

Curiously enough both these officers, on whom such a supreme responsibility now rests, are Ulstermen. No special significance attaches to this coincidence, except perhaps that Northern Ireland has a Cromwellian fighting tradition and its rather grim environment tends to produce realists.

And it is realists we certainly want in the present emergency. People who not only look but think back-wards, whether they are statesmen, tank drivers or soldiers, are fatal encumbrances in conditions of warfare, as exploited by a highly mechanised epoch of rapidly changing circumstance. A strange fact is the way in which the warning voices of up-to-date authorities have been persistently ignored in the immediate past.

#### "Tombstone of France"

If the French General Staff had given a moment's serious attention to Major-General J. F. C. Fuller's criticisms on the Maginot Line, written by the military pundit who was then when those expensive and purely ornamental fortifications were first begun, they might still be functioning as a responsible Higher Command. This distinguished British officer, dubbed the Maginot Line start the tombstone of France, and pointed out that what was nowadays essential for any realistic military purpose was not static but mobile fortification.

The mentality that literally put its military shirt on the Maginot Line is comparable with that which agitated, after the aeroplane became a practical achievement, for a Channel tunnel.

Major-General Fuller puts his sensitive finger on another anachronism. We have motorised our artillery instead of mechanising it. In other words, whether they are statesmen, tank drivers or soldiers, are fatal encumbrances in conditions of warfare, as exploited by a highly mechanised epoch of rapidly changing circumstance. A strange fact is the way in which the warning voices of up-to-date authorities have been persistently ignored in the immediate past.

At the beginning of the war Britain ordered 11,000 aeroplanes from the United States. Some 3,000 have been delivered. A large proportion of these were trainers, but military aircraft is now being delivered in appreciable quantities and at any rate in more than sufficient numbers to cover any gap between British and the Axis production. Britain's first order for 11,000 aeroplanes was however a mild one compared to those sent later which, as Mr. Morgenthau, the U.S. Secretary to the Treasury, announced, total 72,000 aeroplanes to be delivered at 8,000 a month. This figure cannot, of course, be reached immediately, but even at this stage supplies are coming in well. The industrial implications of this vast programme are tremendous, but the United States is standing squarely behind the plan, regarding it as an essential part of America's national defence. This support, not to mention the assistance given by the Empire generally, combined with Hitler's initial failure to defeat the R.A.E., must be a source of great comfort to Londoners in their fiery ordeal.

Hitler's Higher Command, if it seriously contemplates invading us, will budget for a lightning drive right through to our vital centres. There will be no worrying over "bridgeheads," otherwise than as an immediate jumping-off place.

The Gestapo's Grip  
Having seen something of preparation for welcoming "Jerry" to this the Belgians, the Norwegians, or national brigandage.

#### FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"I want you to add a convey!"

island, I shall be distinctly disappointed if he does not come up to scratch. It will be a picnic that will help tremendously to relieve Hitler's constant anxiety about "Lebensraum."

Actually one finds very few intelligent people, whether in or out of uniform, who believe a German invasion to be practicable. Even if Germany had absolute command of the sea and the air, which is very far from being the case, it would be a terrifically hazardous enterprise.

What one does encounter is a considerable dubiety regarding the chances of our carrying the fight to Germany. That attitude strikes me as being quite unintelligent.

Every one of Germany's Blitzkrieg successes so far, and not least the over-running of France, owed more to Fifth-Columbian than to actual military prowess.

Has it occurred to anyone how peculiarly open to Fifth-Columbian moralisation Hitler's present position obviously is? An inviting opportunity is there, if we have the nous to grasp it effectually. Germany at the moment is holding down more than half Europe by military occupation backed by Gestapo methods.

Does anyone cherish any delusion regarding the feelings of the overawed, alien peoples concerned? Do you imagine the Poles, the Dutch, may yet perish of a surfeit of inter-

national brigandage. Hitler's latest "oration" to the Reichstag, with its significant omission of any reference to President Roosevelt's rousing comments on German despotism, seems to me to betray the some faint, far-off glimmerings of a sense of the immutability of truth. Hitlerism is a dead end, a dead end of history and human nature.

Even the Danes are liking this state of Nordic subjection? We have only to launch a reasonably hopeful and determined offensive against Germany, almost anywhere, and the strain on all those German armies of occupation will become intolerable.

Against the Grain  
Once there are signs of Germany being well held, and eventually perhaps beaten, it will be strange indeed if there is not some exemplary German throat-cutting in many seething centres of hatred for Nazism.



# Invaders Will Have to Fight Every Foot of the Way THE BEACH RESORTS OF BRITAIN HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO FORTS

SENTRIES AND LOOK-OUTS STAND GUARD ALONG THE COAST OF BRITAIN READY TO SOUND THE CALL FOR THE STERNEST BATTLE OF THE BEACHES IN HISTORY.

Should an invading German force come out of the morning North Sea mist and, cutting through the protective screen of the British Navy and R.A.F., succeed in making landings, they will come face to face with regiments of an Army ordered to fight to the last man.

Some of them were toughened for such a battle by Dunkirk.

A major in a famous Scots unit which saw service in the Battle of France, said at a brigade headquarters, tucked away in the quiet countryside where they await the threatened Battle of Britain:

"There is no question of our retreating to a second line of defence. For this reason these men have only an academic interest in what goes on in readiness for the Nazi hordes beyond the beaches. What the rest of the 2,500,000-strong Army and Home Guard are doing is not their concern. They are there for one purpose—to do or die."

**Modern Martello Tower**  
Here are other features of the story of how all the Services of the Crown—Navy, Army, Air Force, L.D.V. and the unknown warriors—will help to repel any land, sea and air invasion. LAND—Flotillas of special boats, followed by waves of flat-bottomed craft from which Hitler may attempt to land his hordes will get a hot reception.

They will have to cut through a thick curtain of heavy anti-aircraft fire. The system of pill-boxes and other strong points from which this fire will be directed has turned the whole coastline into a modernised version of the Martello tower defence adopted to meet the threat of invasion by another dictator—Napoleon.

Behind the grim lines of khaki beach defences, "staps," strategically placed to hold up any light tanks landed, were more impressive than anything of the same nature seen in France.

**R.A.F. Is Confident**  
SEA: The Navy is at the "ready" ashore as well as afloat. Recruits waiting to go to their first ships have turned their first home port into a fortress.

Men on destroyers and other surface craft in harbour await eagerly the order to turn from the work of convoy, on which they are engaged chiefly at the moment. Submarine crews hope they won't be left out of the fun.

**Plots of the Fighter**  
Command and all comes in the air with a tremendous optimism about the outcome of any major clash with the German Air Force. This opinion of their record of successes is justified. One far-haired young flying officer who first fought German fighters and bombers over the French battlefield backed it up with an emphatic assertion based on recent engagements with Nazi formations attacking convoys.

"They're still on the run," he declared. **Ready For Tanks**  
Supreme confidence in the superior quality of their aircraft (and a growing belief that the Germans are beginning to feel the strain of the loss of so many of their best-trained pilots) and crews sustained the faith of the R.A.F.

Preparations have been made for the protection of airfield which Hitler may expect to seize with droves of parachutists. From excellently-concealed positions in the heart of a generously-covered heathland, sturdy young men from the North Country can rapidly and effectively clear those air fields with heavy blows.

They also know to look after tanks, if need be.

"One does not envy Hitler's army if it ever attempts to march through Britain to-day—more especially if the weather is bad. Steps taken to defend 'every village, every town and every city,' in accordance with the Prime Minister's assurance, represent, in impressive record of high-speed endeavour.

**The Coast Has Changed**

Maybe it's the seaside boarding house where you spent your holidays last summer, but since it became part of Britain's front line you would not recognise it. The front parlour overlooking the sea front has been stripped of its sofas and easy chairs to become a divisional C.I.L.G., the front garden is a machine-gun nest, with the big guns posted at both ends of the promenade commands the beaches for many miles.

The upstairs rooms are all full—but the visitors are khaki. Soldiers with steel helmets, rifles or Tommy guns take the place of the seaside girl on the steps of Seaview, Mon Repos or Highcliffe. In the big luxury hotels, shuttered and sandbagged, the week-end millionaires have been replaced by officers. The de-luxe suites built for their former comfort, are their billets, the sumptuous dining halls, with their gilt mirrors and glittering chandeliers, covered over, are now either mess or "operations room."

Nests of pillboxes have been built, anti-tank and A.A. batteries installed, big howitzers dragged in to position and barbed wire placed in endless coils along the coastline, all at the ready for zero hour when the blitzkrieg over Britain begins. The lesson of defence in depth has been learned from France and the Germans will have to fight all the

## Ruthless Purging Of Idle L.D.V. Commanders

THE War Office will be ruthless in insisting on the replacement of idle and inefficient L.D.V. commanders.

Lord Croft, War Under-Secretary, gave this warning in the House of Lords.

From the inauguration of the force, he said the lessons of the fighting on the Continent had been studied. Every single company system throughout the country had got means of communication already set up as an alternative to the telephone.

The feeding of the volunteers in time of invasion would be undertaken by the War Office. The providing of great-coats was under consideration.

**Effective Arms**

There was no machinery whatever for the formation of such a force except the Lord Lieutenants and the Territorial Army Associations, which were more or less in suspense.

Yet within a month after the first appeal, 500,000 had been enrolled, and to-day the figure was well over a million.

He could now say that the essential and vulnerable points throughout the whole country would be fully manned by armed men.

In the not too distant future, each post would have effective weapons held up, and, if necessary, destroy any vehicles which try to rush it.

Lord Nathan, in a maiden speech which was well received, spoke of the necessity of co-ordinating the dispatch riding aspect of the work with that of the Ministry of Home Security.

If motor-cars, motor-cycles and pedal cycles were to be immobilised, there might be a difficulty at the crucial moment to obtain them for purposes of report.

**Steel Helmets**

Mr. R. Law, War Parliamentary Secretary, announced in the House of Commons that arrangement were being made for the issue of a steel helmet to every member of the Local Defence Volunteers.

These issues were now beginning, and the rate of delivery would greatly increase in the near future.

## Her Holiday Money Helps To Buy Plane

A Stamford (Lincolnshire) housewife saved 30s. towards holidays. But other things grew more important—so the savings were sent to help pay for another airplane for Britain.

The Minister of Aircraft Production, Lord Beaverbrook, has acknowledged the gift with gratitude.

way before they ever reach the streets of London.

**No Hope Of Success**

Comparing our home front with the defences the B.E.F. had to hold in France and Belgium, I am convinced that the enemy has no chance of carrying out a successful invasion, writes a correspondent who has toured the defences.

He may land, certainly, either on the shores or by parachute or aeroplane, but his men will fall under the wide net of fire which has been set up, waiting for him at every vulnerable point—at aerodromes, at weak points on the beaches where natural conditions aid an invader, in the maze of hidden gun nests and camouflaged traps which stud the countryside.

The veterans of the B.E.F. form a valuable backbone to our front line Army. I met some of the men who had come through the Flanders campaign. They agreed that life on the home front is "Al" compared with the other side.

"We get a chance of doing some real soldiering instead of spending our lives digging," one told me. He referred to the fact that whereas in France the B.E.F. dug all its own trenches and built all its pillboxes, at home the Army has the big advantage of unlimited civilian labour.

**"Good As Holiday"**

"When we get time off, it's just as good as having a seaside holiday, only without the missus and kids," he added.

Along the fringe of the sands hundreds of men were working, laying barbed wire.

From the shore the land sloped upwards to a wooded hill, which merged into the cliffs further along the coast. Thanks to expert camouflage, it was impossible to detect our defences, but I knew that a battery of all calibres were in position amongst the coppes trained on the shore.

Many people have left their homes in these forward areas—but those who remain show a good spirit and are doing their best for the fighting men.

## HONGKONG POVERTY Outspoken Talk To Y.M.C.A. Group

The Rev. J. R. Higgs spoke on the poverty problem in Hongkong to the European Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group last night. He said he would call the address "Christianity and the Poverty Problem in Hongkong" because he saw one in the light of the G.O. and to him it was a religious problem.

The speaker made the following suggestions. The conscience of the community must be roused and educated. There should be far greater Government control of the capitalistic system in the Colony. Let the Government begin by clearing up its own house. Let it raise its own cost of living to a living wage. He understood that Government cost of living was 30 cents a day. That sum should be doubled immediately. No employer in the city should be allowed by law to employ a coolie under the cost of a day.

The contract system should be abolished or there should be a large measure of Government control. House rents should have a far more adequate relation to the wages of the people and their capacity to pay.

**Wood Supply Monopoly**

"I stand to be corrected here, but I understand it is true that most of the wood in this Colony is in the hands of monopolists and cheaper wood cannot be imported. Then wonder why the Colony is being denuded of its trees," he said.

The enlightened people of the community should give far more support than they do to the Hongkong Eugenics League; here was one of the most important things in the solution of the whole problem.

I know that world economic conditions and the war will be an excuse for doing nothing," continued Mr. Higgs. "I wonder though whether the real truth has not got some relation to the spiritual disease of selfishness and that to tackle that both in ourselves and outside is not the first step towards the solution of this mighty problem."

Finally he said that it must not be assumed that nothing was being done. There were those in the Government and outside who have made this one of the chief concerns of their life. It was only that they needed more support from the community.

**Home Manager Passes Away**

**Buried Yesterday**

The funeral took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday of the late Mr. Hugh Watt, manager of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, who died in the War Memorial Nursing Home on Saturday. The Rev. C. Brown officiated.

Widely known in shipping circles and along the China coast, where he was very popular, Mr. Watt was 58 years of age. He came to Hongkong about 16 years ago and shortly afterwards became manager of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute. He was formerly with the Missions to Seamen. He was unmarried.

Among those present at the funeral were Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson, A. Ritchie (representing the Secretaries and Accountants, Lowe, Bingham and Matthews), F. W. Simpson, J. Hill, G. W. Coyne, G. Buchanan, W. E. Kirby, W. B. Jenkins, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Rev. C. Strong, Warrant Officer, W. V. Field, H.K.N.V.F. Messrs. O. R. Owen, P. B. Wilson, H. Stinfield, F. Linnehan, M. R. Deb, T. McMahon, Mrs. V. Spink, representatives of the Royal Navy and Staff of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute.

Floral tributes were sent by Commanders Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, Chairman and Committee of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, Chinese Staff of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Crew of M/L Dayspring, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Rev. and Mrs. C. Brown, R.N. Messrs. C. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Coyne, Fred (Stanley) Power Station, Charlie, Quenele, Tony, and David, E. S. Williams, David E. Ellis, Joy Min and Joy Joy, Friends in the Water Police Station, Al Lam and family, Wong Siu and Wong Tim.

## P.C. (In Army) To Pay Cook Breach Damages

SIX FEET THREE ex-P.C. William Whitfield, now a sergeant of the Coldstream Guards, acted as his own counsel when Eileen Elizabeth Barratt, a twenty-nine-year-old cook, of Caledonian-road, King's Cross, N., sued him in the High Court for breach of promise.

The sergeant, now a military policeman in a midland town, took a day off to come to London to defend himself in Mr. Justice Singleton's court.

Miss Barratt, dressed in black, was awarded £10 damages and costs. She told the judge that she met Whitfield in 1936 at a Wellington Barracks dance. They became engaged the following year.

Whitfield joined Kettering Police Force, told her he would not be able to marry for three years, and asked her to wait. She said she would, but last July Whitfield sent her a letter breaking off the engagement.

Sergeant Whitfield, standing at the solicitors' table, asked the girl if there had not been an agreement between them that if either of them met anybody they liked better they could break off the engagement.

Miss Barratt emphatically denied this, and added: "I would never have become engaged on that condition."

Mr. Justice Singleton said he was satisfied there was no contract to break off the engagement.

## LEGLESS ACE GOT DORNIER

—Noted Sportsman

THE legless pilot of a Hurricane who shot a Dornier 17 into the sea during one of the raids on Britain is thirty-year-old Squadron-Leader Douglas Bader.

Stocky, dark-haired, he faced a brilliant career as a flier and an athlete when he was twenty-one years old.

He was one of our most daring stunt aces. At Hendon Air Display in 1931 he and Flight-Lieutenant H. M. Day thrilled the crowds with their synchronised aerobatics in two Gloster Gannets.

He played Rugby for the R.A.F. the Combined Services, and Surrey. An international cap was within his grasp. He captained Cranwell R.A.F. College at cricket, played squash for the R.A.F. boxes and was a promising cross-country runner.

But in December 1931 a Bristol Bull-dog he was flying crashed from a slow roll at Woodley airfield, Reading. The engine was torn out by the impact.

The rest of the plane ran on for a hundred yards, then crumbled into a ball. Douglas Bader, woke up in hospital minus both legs.

**Danced Again**

From that day he set himself the seemingly impossible task of flying again for the R.A.F. He made up his mind that his artificial legs were to be no handicap to him. He refused ever to use a stick.

He had his car adapted and earned a living as representative of an oil company to pay for fresh flying lessons. Within nine months he was in the air again a fully qualified civil pilot.

Once again he danced, played squash, tennis, cricket. He even learned golf, a game he had never played before.

In the meantime he kept his hand in by flying as many different types of plane as he could, and on the outbreak of war he re-enlisted with the R.A.F. They offered him a taxi-flying job, but he insisted to the medical board that he was fit for normal duties.

"He kept at them until they passed him," a friend of the family said. "When they posted him to a fighter squadron he was the happiest man in the world."

He has already had one minor accident. His two metal legs were badly bent. An artificer on the airfield straightened them and half an hour later he was in the air.

Douglas Bader is the son of Mrs. Hobbes, wife of the Rector of Spratborough, near Doncaster. In 1937 he married Miss Olive Thelma Exley Edwards, whose father holds a post at the Air Ministry.

That Dornier 17 has crowned Squadron-Leader Bader's life ambition. It has taken him exactly nine years to bring it down.

## WAR CUTS DIVORCES BY HALF

WAR is mending broken romances and bringing peace to the home.

This is proved by the fact that since war began the number of divorces awaiting judgment has shrunk by more than 50 per cent.

So rapid has been the decline in the number of new petitions that the Michener's Term list, usually the year's heaviest, is lighter than for many years.

One result is that the time taken to get a divorce heard from the date on which it is set down will soon have shrunk from between nine and 12 months to about the same number of weeks.

**Quarrels Made Up**

A lawyer with a divorce practice said: "Great national crises invariably have this result. Husbands and wives seem to 'get together' in a new spirit, and decide to forget their differences."

"The early part of the last war had the same effect. 'But there' is usually a reaction. Divorce work increases after a war."

A year ago petitions were being made at the average rate of 21 a day. To-day the rate is barely 12. Late in the Poor Persons Department many petitions have been withdrawn.

## CABINET CRISIS IN EGYPT

Four Ministers Resign

Cairo, Sept. 22.

Owing to divergence of opinion concerning the Italian invasion, there was a sudden Cabinet crisis last night, resulting in the resignation of four ministers, who are prominent members of the Saadist Party—the Party which, under Dr. Aly Maher Pasha, favours an immediate declaration of war.

King Farouk signed a decree appointing four new ministers. It is understood that the reconstructed Cabinet desires to await further developments before taking a final decision.

The ministers who resigned were Al Nokrasli Pasha, Minister of Finance, Mahmud Pasha Ghaleb, Minister of Communications, Ibrahim Bey Abdel Hadi, Minister of Commerce, and Mohammed Aly Pasha Allouba, Minister with Portfolio.

The new appointments are—Abdel Hamid Soliman, formerly Minister without Portfolio, who is now Minister of Finance; Abdel Megund Ibrahim, also Minister without Portfolio, who becomes Minister of Supplies; Said Samy, former Minister of Supplies, who is now Minister of Commerce; and Hussein Sirry Pasha, Minister of Public Works, who also assumes the Ministry of Communications. —Reuter.

## Admiral Dies As Son Is Honoured

ADMIRAL SIR RICHARD HENRY PEIRSE, who received the K.C.B. in 1914, died in Bath a few hours before the announcement that his only son, Acting Air Marshal R. E. C. Peirse, had received a similar award in the Birthday Honours list.

Sir Richard, aged seventy-nine, was at the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882. His son is Vice-chief of the Air Staff.

Not one civil decoration is bestowed in the Honours list, which contains more than 2,000 names.

All the honours are given to members of the three fighting services.

A list of civil honours may be issued at some more appropriate time, it is stated.

Among the high officers honoured are Admiral Sir Charles Morton Forbes, Commander of the Home Fleet, who receives the G.C.B.; and Major-General H. R. Pownall, Inspector-General of Local Defence Volunteers, the K.B.E.

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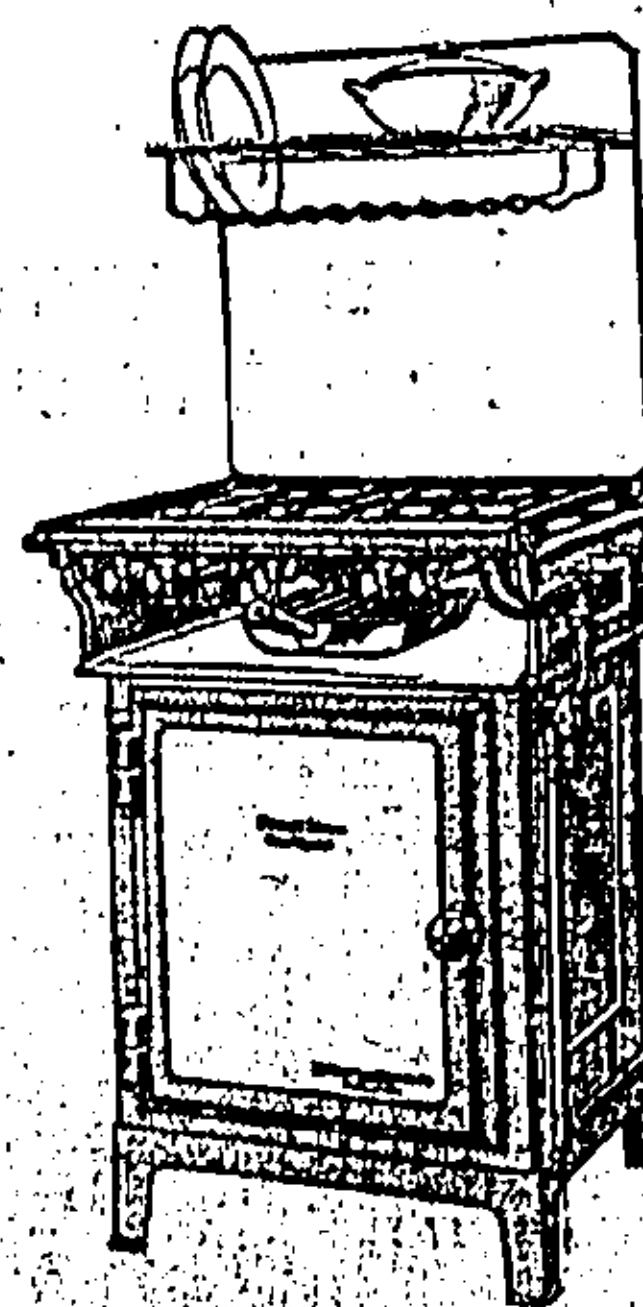
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## General Smuts Believes Britain Will Win "NAZIS WHO COULD NOT SUCCEED AT DUNKIRK CAN NEVER TAKE BRITAIN"

### Fled To Guernsey— And Back to Prison

WHEN a warrant was issued for the arrest of 26-year-old Louis Cohen he fled from London to the Channel Islands. He had to return when the islands were invaded.

At the Old Bailey he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for conspiracy to evade military service.

Cohen told the court, "I made no attempt to evade the army myself, and I have since then passed A1."

Nine other men who took part in the conspiracy were also sentenced.

Men were imprisoned before medical boards by a man who suffered from heart trouble and had already been exempted.

It was stated that Cohen was connected with four cases of impersonation, and made about £100.

### 'KEY MAN' FREED Jobs Of 90 People Saved

The Home Secretary (Sir John Anderson) has ordered the release from internment of Mr. Emilio de Filippis, manager of a Colchester (Essex) silk business. "I am satisfied that his release is in the national interest," he said in Parliament.

In a question to Sir John, Mr. Oswald Lewis, Colchester M.P., said Mr. de Filippis had been in a key position for eight years, and his continued internment would mean the discharge of ninety workpeople.

SUPREME CONFIDENCE IN GREAT BRITAIN'S ULTIMATE VICTORY WAS THE KEYNOTE OF A BROADCAST TALK BY GENERAL SMUTS, THE SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER.

Many people, regarding the chances of Britain in the light of what had happened to France and other unfortunate countries, had reluctantly come to accept the German view and to look on the war as already lost, he said.

To the faint-hearted he would point out two considerations which should be carefully borne in mind in this connection.

British people were united as never before under leadership of unrivalled brilliance and courage, and the competence of their military command was not questioned among those who knew.

Here was the crux of the war situation, "Nothing that has happened so far in the war justifies the inference that the fate of Britain will follow that of the other countries that have been overrun. The correct inference is just the opposite."

"The affairs of outposts do not affect this main battlefront. The Germans have not won the war by any means till they have overcome the main Allied force, entrenched as it is in the island fortress of Britain."

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Lesson Of Dunkirk

"If the German Army and Air Force together could not succeed in a supreme effort in their attack at a single point like Dunkirk, how can they fairly hope to succeed in an attack on such a huge area as Britain, where, moreover, every physical and moral factor would be vastly in favour of the defence?"

"Sea power and air power combined are the real keys to the problem of Britain's defence, and Dunkirk was a test case which showed how effective that defence is likely to be in the more favourable case of Britain itself."

"No, the cause of the Allies is far from being lost, and it will not be lost till Britain is taken. If Dunkirk has any message for us it is the heartening one that Britain will prove to be an impregnable fortress against which Germany's might will be launched in vain. If that attack fails, Hitler is lost and all Europe, aye, the whole world, is saved."

"And if Hitler does not venture to attack Britain he is equally lost. For the same combination of sea power and air power which baulked him at Dunkirk, and which would have saved Britain from invasion, would then be turned into a victorious offensive against Hitler—an offensive which in the end would throttle and strangle and bring down in ruins his vast and empire in Europe."

"For in a war of endurance the time factor must prove fatal to Hitler's plans. Under our ever tightening blockade his essential war supplies must rapidly dwindle till he can no longer hold down vast populations whom he has overrun and oppressed and starved and sought to enslave."

Liberation Of Europe

Dealing with the kind of peace we envisage and hope to establish at the end of the struggle, General Smuts said:—

"Our vision still is the liberation of Europe from the deadly Nazi thrall and its organisation in a new creative freedom."

"Hitler is in a strong position. He is master of most of Europe, and will probably succeed in putting the rest of it also in his power or in his pocket."

"Being master of Europe he can afford to restore the semblance of freedom to his victims and to establish a system of so-called free States which will however, all be held together in bonds of Nazi order, discipline, and control."

"As against this spectre of Nazi-dominated Europe we oppose the vision of a truly free Europe."

"Freedom remains our sovereign remedy for the ills from which human society is suffering. It is the vision of Europe, free for individual and for nation, free in the sense of giving full scope for personal and national self-development and self-perfection each according to his own individual lines. In that fundamental sense we continue on the historic trail of human progress."

### Indo-China Situation Still Tense

Government Urged  
To Resist

Hanoi, Sept. 21. French war veterans are urging the Indo-China Government to resist any Japanese attempt to enforce an ultimatum.

Almost all able bodied men have been mobilised in the Army ready to move at a moment's notice to any Japanese landing point. The small but efficient air force has also been mobilised.

The French authorities said they are willing to carry out the terms of the recent agreement between Vichy and Tokyo, but that they will not yield to the new expanded Japanese demands, and they will not permit the original agreement—if the Japanese finally find it acceptable—to deteriorate into a Japanese occupation of Indo-China.

The majority of people in Indo-China do not realise that the ultimatum expires at Sunday midnight. However, the departure of Major-General Nishihara and other members of the Mission has made it clear that anything may happen any minute.

It is believed here that such a development will not alter the situation materially unless the Japanese are willing to revise their demands and accept the terms of the original agreement between Tokyo and Vichy.—United Press.

Earlier United Press reports said that Japanese military and naval authorities were prepared for forcible action. There was a concentration of three Japanese divisions at Hainan with busy departure of supply ships from Hothow to Weichow Island.

Reuters on Saturday reported that Japanese civilians who left Hanoi on Friday spent the night at Hanoi, but they had not boarded the Japanese evacuation ship.

### HELP FOR BRITAIN Willkie In Favour Of More Aid

San Francisco, Sept. 21. "We must send and keep on sending aid to Britain, our first line of defence, and our only remaining friend," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie, in his campaign speech on foreign affairs to-day. "We must aid her to the limit of prudence and effectiveness as determined by impartial experts in this field."

Mr. Willkie proceeded to make a charge that the present Administration "contributed to the downfall of Democracy and must bear the direct share of the responsibility for the present war." He said that to regard President Roosevelt as the defender of Democracy was and will be untenable. He added that America was faced with a changed world beyond her shores. If Britain stopped Germany there might be uprisings against Hitler which would decimate the United States. "If Germany won, the United States will be 'left alone to face a hostile totalitarian world. The loneliness of the United States was the direct result of the foreign policy of the last eight years. If Britain fails we are utterly and savagely alone. No nation except Britain owes us anything but disillusionment and illwill."—Reuters.

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# Bangkok Demands Territorial Concessions THAILAND TO ABROGATE NON-AGGRESSION PACT UNLESS VICHY ACCEDES

Special to the "Telegraph"  
THE PREMIER OF THAILAND, LUANG BIPUL SONGRAM, ADDRESSING THE CLOSING OF THE SIAMESE PARLIAMENT ON SATURDAY, ANNOUNCED THAT THAILAND INTENDED TO ABROGATE THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH FRANCE UNLESS VICHY ACCEDED TO THAI'S TERRITORIAL DEMANDS PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 13. THE PACT WAS CONCLUDED ON JUNE 12.  
The Premier pointed out that the treaties of friendship signed with Japan and Britain at the same date have already been ratified but similar action on the pact with France has been withheld because of the changes in the international situation.

**SPANISH SHIP TORPEDOED**  
GIBRALTAR, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The torpedoing of a Spanish trawler, Almirante Carranza, is announced by the naval authorities here.  
The statement says that "it is almost certain" that an Italian submarine was responsible.  
The attack occurred in the early hours of last Thursday off Cape Vilano, in north-west Spain.  
The statement adds: "The crew, except one, were lost. The survivor, when he landed, said that they probably mistook the Almirante Carranza for a British patrol vessel."

**Indo-China Invasion Was All A Mistake**  
Agreement Reported Signed  
JAPANESE TROOPS HAVE INVADED FRENCH INDO-CHINA.  
An urgent "United Press" message, received from Hanoi at 8.45 a.m. stated that Japanese troops crossed the border at 10 p.m., two hours before the ultimatum expired.  
Apparently the invasion was an isolated incident and was carried out by the militant South China forces despatched to the border from Canton without the authority of the Japanese Government or Japanese High Command.  
The Japanese entered French territory near Dongdang, where they attacked a French blockhouse.  
An official French communiqué stated that the French troops fully resisted the attack. After two hours fighting the Japanese forces withdrew.  
The communiqué expressed the belief that the Japanese would resume the attack at dawn.  
But at 4 a.m. it was announced that an agreement had been signed and that fighting had been suspended for the time being.  
The French authorities declare that the attack was made in violation of a Franco-Japanese agreement which was signed in Hanoi yesterday afternoon. This agreement gave the Japanese certain military facilities, including airfields, in Indo-China.  
Agreement Last Night  
The agreement between French Indo-China and the Japanese was reached last night but apparently the Japanese General in charge of the South China army was not informed. He accordingly ordered his troops to cross the border at 10 o'clock, presumably in accordance with a pre-arranged plan. The French offered stiff resistance.  
Major General Nishihara sent a delegate by air instructing the Japanese to cease operations.  
The agreement contained the following provisions:—  
1.—Three air bases in Tonking.  
2.—The right to station 5,000 troops in Indo-China.  
3.—The right of passage for Japanese troops from South China through Indo-China by a delimited route.  
4.—Permission to land and station a number of effective at Haiphong.  
First news of Japanese operations and French resistance was contained in a French communiqué issued about midnight when the Japanese ultimatum was due to expire.  
It was immediately thought that the "balloon had gone up."  
Nishihara's Instructions  
At the same time it was learned that General Nishihara and, meantime, TURN to Page 8, Column Five

**Full Casualty List Of H.M.S. Orpheus**  
Men Who Served in Hongkong  
Through the courtesy of the "United Press" we are able to publish the complete casualty list of the submarine H.M.S. Orpheus, which for some time served on the China Station, and whose ship's company were well known in Hongkong.  
The list is the official one released by the Admiralty and includes five officers, 49 ratings and a Chinese rating—all missing, presumed dead.  
Officers—Missing presumed killed: Lieut.-Comdr. J. A. S. Wise, R.N. (in command); Mr. E. K. Cross, warrant engineer, R.N.; Lieut. C. T. Davies, R.N.; Lieut. P. F. Fawkes, R.N.; Lieut. J. D. Symonds, R.N.  
Ratings—Missing presumed killed: Allen Donovan, A.B., D/JX 135712; Allen Stanley, C., leading seaman, D/JX 140556; Armstrong, Joseph D., engine-room artificer, P/MX 46925; Ayers, William F., A.B., P/J 104425; Bevis, Percy A., leading telegraphist, P/JX 127398; Biddulph, Percy, A/Petty officer telegraphist, D/JX 135822; Burtenshaw, Claude, W., stoker, I, D/KX 83087; Butler, Leonard W., leading stoker, D/KX 80445; Critchell, William I G., leading seaman, P/J 106154.  
Dance, James W., engineer-room artificer, 2, D/MX 40010; Dolton, Leslie H., A/Leading stoker, P/KX 78513.  
Ellison, James W., A/Leading telegraphist, C/JX 134273; Evans, Joseph, leading signaller, C/JX 125744.  
Foreman, Charles H E., A/Leading stoker, C/JX 87290; Forrester, William J., leading cook, D/MX 51359; Fox, Eric S., able seaman, C/JX 140095.  
Gill, Robert V., engineer-room artificer, 3, P/MX 57228; Glanville, Frank, able seaman, D/JX 139363.  
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**SUPPORTS BRITAIN**  
Emir Of Transjordan Makes Decision  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Emir of Transjordan has given his support to Great Britain in the war against Italy, according to the conservative newspaper "La Stampa" of Turin in a dispatch from Istanbul.  
The dispatch adds, however, that another important Arab leader, Ibn Saud, is the Emir's enemy and forecasts that the Emir will not find the required support among the Arabs.  
"It has been learned from Jerusalem that the British have called upon the Emir of Transjordan, Abdullah, as the leading Arab supporter of the campaign against Italy. However, first reports reveal that the Arab dignitaries and princes have refused to lend themselves to the British manoeuvre. Only the Emir Abdullah, who has an accomplished record in the Arab massacres in Palestine, has answered the appeal of his British master," added the report.

**MAJORITY OF SIX**  
MELBOURNE, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—At the close of today's counting, it was indicated that the state of the parties in the House of Representatives will be:  
United Australia Party, 25.  
Country Party, 15.  
Federal Labour, 28.  
Non-Communist Labour, 5.  
Independent, 1.

**Beaverbrook Appeals For More Munitions**  
LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has made a call to aircraft workers for increased production.  
Lord Beaverbrook has issued the following statement:  
"It is imperative that there should be a considerable increase in output in the coming week for the testing time may come upon us very shortly."  
"It is the duty of aircraft factories to supply the men at the fighting front with all the aircraft they require."  
"Men and women of the aircraft industry up and down the country have promised that they would fulfil the needs of the R.A.F. That pledge had been made good in the past. We will not fall the pilots in the days to come."

**Daughter For Fred And Mrs. Snite**  
CHICAGO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snite.  
Snite, who was married in August last year, is the famous man in the iron lung who has been living in a mechanical respirator since he was stricken with infantile paralysis in China in 1926.  
Before his marriage, he made a pilgrimage to Lourdes to seek a cure.

**Sloop Sunk By U-Boat**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—According to the Admiralty the sloop, H.M.S. Dundee has been torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat.  
The next of kin of the casualties have been informed.  
The Dundee was a vessel of 1,060 tons and was completed in 1939. She is the third sloop to be sunk during this war.



Fast Scout tanks, manned by a yeomanry unit of the Royal Armoured Corps exercise along the lanes and through the villages of England.

**U-Boat Strikes At Vessel Carrying 90 Children To Canada**  
**Evacuee Ship Torpedoed: Feared Death Toll is 300**  
Special to the "Telegraph"  
LONDON, Sept. 22, (UP).—A British refugee ship has been torpedoed and sunk with the loss of 300 lives.  
The vessel was struck at 10 o'clock at night in a gale and heavy seas and sank within half an hour.  
Many of the survivors died in life-boats during their 20 hours' wait for rescuers.  
The ship originally carried a crew of 225 and 191 passengers.  
The name of the vessel nor the date of the sinking are mentioned in the official report.  
90 Children Aboard  
"Reuter" adds that 90 children and nine escorts going to Canada under the Overseas Reception Evacuation Scheme were on board.  
It is feared that 83 children and seven escorts have been lost.  
A warship brought seven children to a northern port.  
Altogether it is believed that 204 lives have been lost.  
The children embarked at a west coast port during the second week of September and were well on their way to their new wartime home when the ship was struck.  
Every Precaution  
As with the evacuee ship which was torpedoed late in August on a similar voyage, when the whole company of 320 children was saved and unharmed, the precautions taken by the Board were on a scale which has made it possible to transport overseas nearly 3,000 children without hitherto a single casualty.  
For every 15 children there was a skilled and experienced escort in addition to a doctor and nurse.  
The complement of the ship was so calculated that for every child there was one adult passenger aboard.  
Tragic circumstances defeated all precautions.  
A number of children are believed killed by the explosion.  
There was a terribly heavy sea which swamped many boats and defeated gallant efforts at rescue.  
"Dead Will Shock World"  
Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, who met the warship bringing survivors, has issued the following statement: "I am full of horror and indignation that any German submarine captain could be found to torpedo a ship over 600 miles from land in a tempestuous sea."  
"Conditions were such that there was little chance for the passengers, whether adult or children, to survive."  
"This deed will shock the world."  
It is another example of the barbarous methods of warfare associated with Nazi Germany and it is only comparable with their present brutal indiscriminate bombing of women and children of London.  
The children, who practically all came from state-aided schools, were drawn almost entirely from vulnerable areas in and around London.

**Dramatic Stories By Several Survivors**  
LONDON, Sept. 22. (Reuter).—Mr. W. B. Forsyth, of London, a passenger aboard the liner, in an interview, said:  
We had no warning before the attack. The ship was so badly holed that she listed heavily and almost immediately began to sink. We had 20 minutes to get the lifeboats lowered and away.  
"Casualties occurred practically at the start. Darkness added to the difficulties."  
"The passengers behaved magnificently, particularly the women and children. The little mites obeyed every instruction."  
"We had an awful tossing. Heavy waves nearly swamped us. Hull and rath followed."  
"How our boat remained afloat, I don't know. Two children died on the rescuing warship."  
Mrs. Margaret Hudson, of Bradford, said: "I was sitting with my husband and another woman when there was a terrific crash and the whole ship shuddered."  
"The passengers were told to muster in the lounge until the evacuee children had been put aboard the lifeboats. The children had been so happy aboard, looking forward to their new homes in Canada, and when the alarm came they behaved wonderfully."  
"My husband helped me over the side and I got down a rope thinking that I was going into a life-boat but the boat was some distance away and another girl and I swam towards it. I did not see my husband again but I still hope he may have been picked up by a warship."  
"I don't know how many died in our boats, but I was surprised how quickly the young men passed out."  
"Warship On Scene"  
"I was just about through when I saw a warship circling round looking for boats. For a time I thought it had not seen us. Then someone put up a piece of cloth on an air and the naval men came and took us aboard."  
Miss Doris Walter said she was aboard because she had missed an earlier boat. She got away from the liner with another woman, the latter's two children and a young seaman. They had to lie on a raft, gripping the planks with their hands and were without any supplies for some hours.  
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**LATEST**  
**Official Statement On Landings**  
According to an official statement issued by the Japanese authorities, says "Domei," an agreement between Japan and Indo-China was signed at 4.30 p.m. yesterday and in accordance with that agreement Japanese army and naval forces started their "peaceful march into the northern part of Indo-China."  
There was no trouble except in one or two isolated spots, and it is expected that these "misunderstandings" will soon be cleared up.  
"United Press" from Hanoi reports that according to foreigners from Haiphong, the Japanese had begun landing the first group of troops under the terms of the agreement.  
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  - 7.—Pictures submitted as sepia prints should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
  - 8.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
  - 9.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.
  - 10.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
  - 11.—Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
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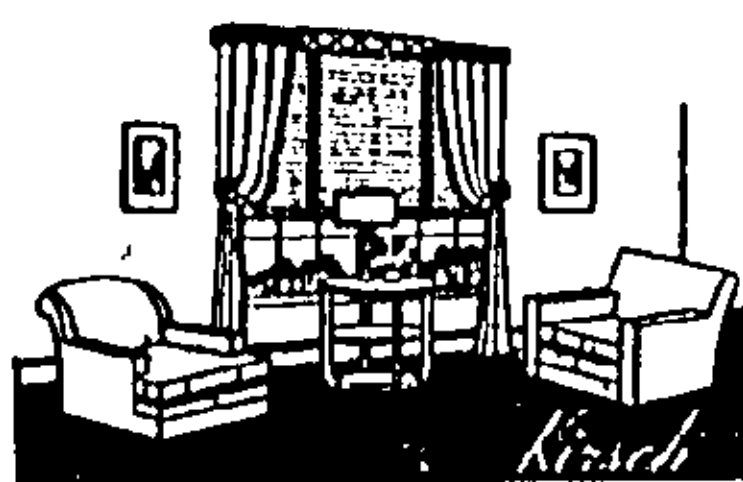
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IF the Church of England adopts the recommendations just made by the members of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Kindred and Affinity as Impediments to Marriage, a man or woman will be permitted to marry any one of ten relatives with whom marriage is at present forbidden.

The commissioners include former bishops of Bombay and Uganda, professors of Oxford and Leeds Universities, several other clergy, a doctor and a lawyer.

They have advised the Church that marriages may be solemnised between a man and his—

- Father's brother's wife
- Wife's father's sister
- Wife's mother's sister
- Brother's wife
- Mother's brother's wife
- Brother's son's wife
- Sister's son's wife
- Wife's brother's daughter
- Wife's sister's daughter.

All these marriages, although permitted by British law, are forbidden according to the table drawn up by Archbishop Parker 380 years ago, and printed in every copy of the Book of Common Prayer.

The commissioners reported, "We recognise grave biological and some other objections to marriage between first cousins."

They have advised the Church to urge cousins intending to marry to consult a doctor before they do so.

They also decided that, if two cousins of physically or mentally defective stock married, their children were more likely to inherit the disease than those of either cousin married to a non-relative.

Professor J. B. S. Haldane's evidence was to the effect that the prohibition of marriages between first cousins would reduce by several thousand the number of mental defectives, deaf mutes, children born dead or dying in early infancy, and sufferers from a number of rare hereditary disease.

The engagement is announced between William Mark Toone, B.A., B.Sc., M.A., I.M.C.C., D.T.M. and U., eldest son of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Toone, of Toronto, and Anne Rosamund Layard, second daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. H. B. L. Dowling, of Hongkong. The marriage will take place in Canada as soon as present circumstances permit.

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Convicted On A Spy Charge

Kobe, Sept. 22.

Convicted of espionage, Vincent Oswald Peters, 40-year-old former British Merchant Marine Officer, Lieutenant of the Royal Naval Reserve, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment at the Kobe District Court on Saturday.

Peters was arrested on January 17 when he was about to leave for Shanghai aboard the s.s. Taiyo Maru. He was allegedly a member of the foreign spy ring which came under Police scrutiny following the suspicion aroused by activities centring around the Seamen's Mission.

The prosecution, which demanded a penalty of 10 years' imprisonment, presented evidence showing that the spy ring used a British Blue Funnel line vessel for relaying messages between Kobe and Hongkong.

Peters, who arrived in Japan on October 7, 1938, claimed that he was a businessman and maintained regular hours to preserve this impression.

The prosecution contended that Peters was engaged in espionage on naval as well as economic matters. Peters, it is alleged, has been engaged since August 23, 1938, in obtaining statistics showing the nature, quantity and route of the shipments to Germany, allegedly on behalf of the British authorities in Hongkong.

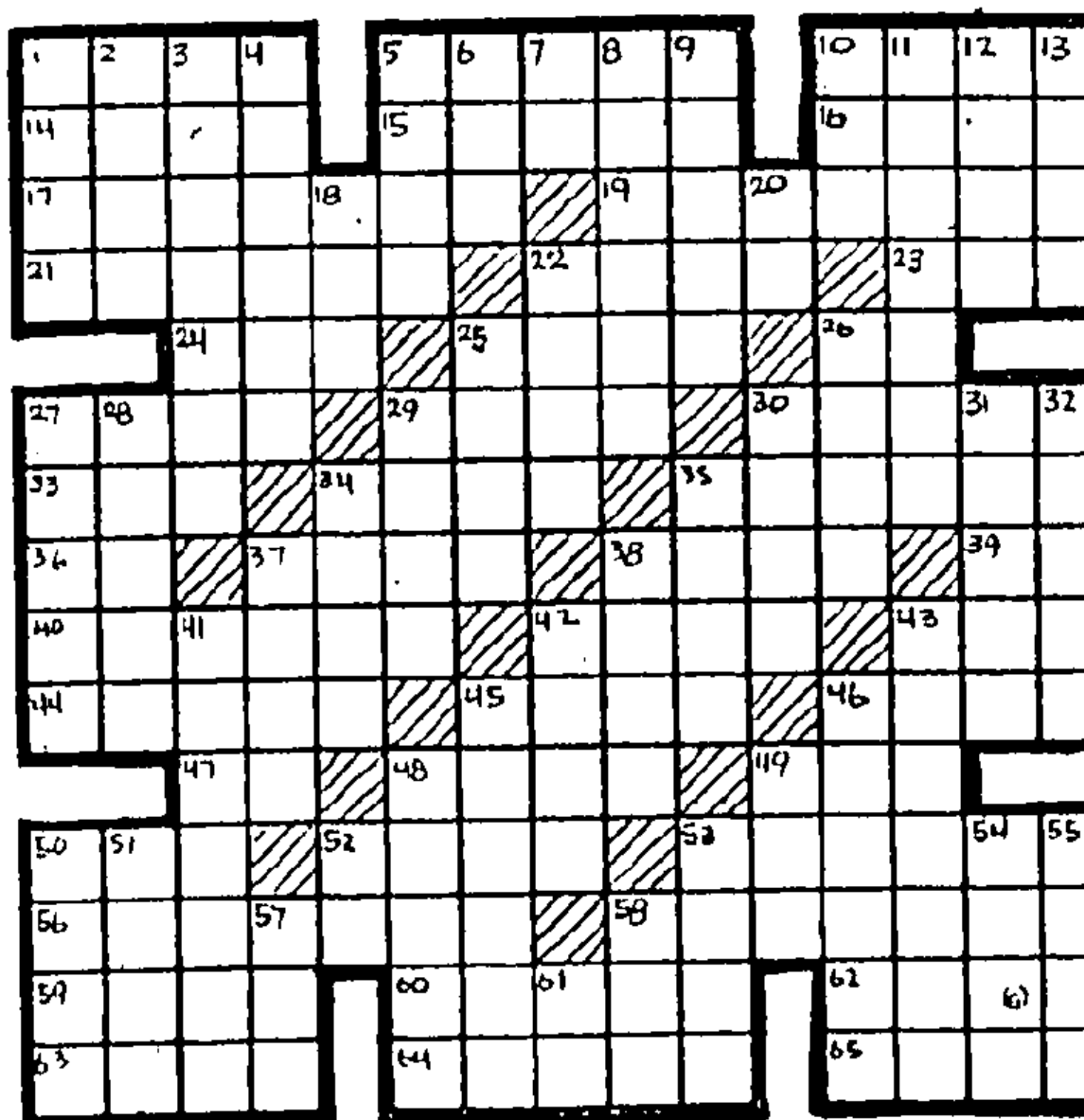
Born in London, Peters received training at the Mercantile Marine Association at Liverpool whereafter he was employed by various British shipping firms. After serving in the

# Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS  
1—Swift  
2—Ridge  
3—Empire  
4—Open space  
5—Proportionally  
6—Wash  
7—Attendants  
8—One who is dependent  
9—Rushing  
10—Downpour  
11—Refuge  
12—Point of compass  
13—Shelter for animals  
14—Engineering degree  
15—Preparation for publication  
16—Tough and slippery  
17—Cattle mistress  
18—Also  
19—Walking stick  
20—Bill of food  
21—Rus away  
22—That is (Latin abbr.)  
23—Smallest bit  
24—Pretentious  
25—Director's picture  
26—Flat piece of wood  
27—Waiting  
28—Automobile control  
29—Pertaining to part of eye  
30—True-hearted

DOWN  
1—Kasha  
2—Accessory covering of seat  
3—Combining form  
4—Rudeness  
5—In addition to  
6—Run over  
7—Poured  
8—Puffs from



World War he was first mate aboard a United States shipping board vessel in 1919.

After failing in grocery business at Sydney, where he married, he returned to England in July, 1938, and entered the British Government service.—Domet.

## SLOOP DUNDEE SUNK

London, Sept. 22.  
The Admiralty to-day announced that H.M. sloop Dundee (Captain O.M.F. Stokes) was torpedoed by a U-boat and had subsequently sunk.—Reuter.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 16th September) ..... Sept. 26.  
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. date 7th September) ..... Sept. 27.  
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 1st September) ..... Sept. 29.  
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Australia and Manila ..... Oct. 2.  
Calcutta and Straits ..... Oct. 2.  
Java and Manila ..... Oct. 9.  
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G.P.O.  
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Ord. .... Sept. 24, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. .... Sept. 24, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Sept. 24, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 26  
Sandakan ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United Kingdom. .... G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Parcels ..... Sept. 26, 5 p.m.  
Reg. .... Sept. 27, 9.45 a.m.  
Ord. .... Sept. 27, 10.30 a.m.  
Friday, Sept. 27  
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Calcutta ..... Sept. 27, 5 p.m.  
Letters ..... Sept. 28, 9 a.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 28  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Service" to Durban and thence by Sea Service to United Kingdom. .... G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Reg. .... Sept. 28, 5 p.m.  
Ord. .... Sept. 28, 5.30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 2  
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island. .... Kowloon K.O.  
Reg. .... Oct. 2, 2.45 p.m.  
Ord. .... Oct. 2, 3.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. .... Oct. 2, 2.45 p.m.  
Ord. .... Oct. 2, 3.30 p.m.  
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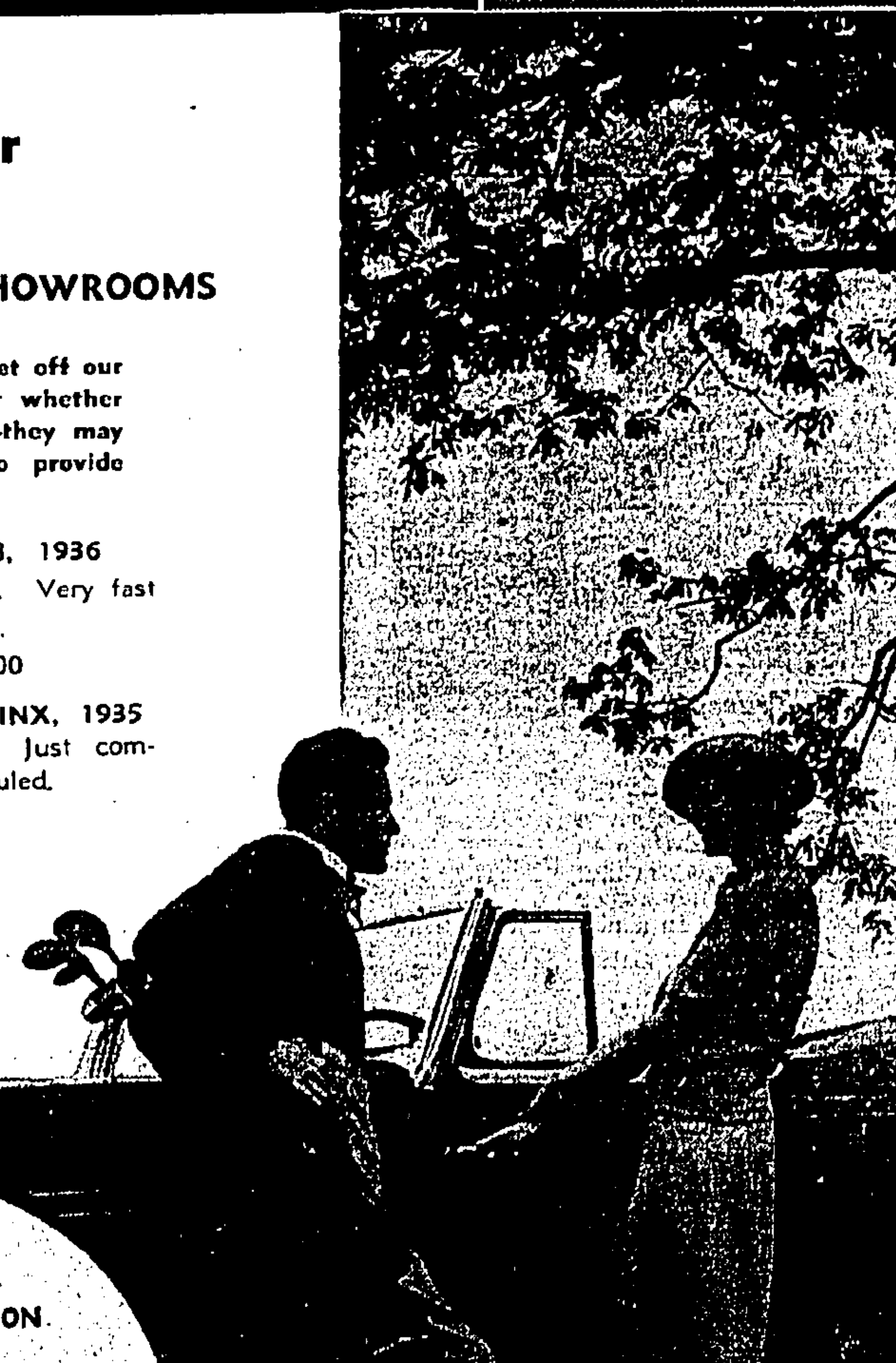
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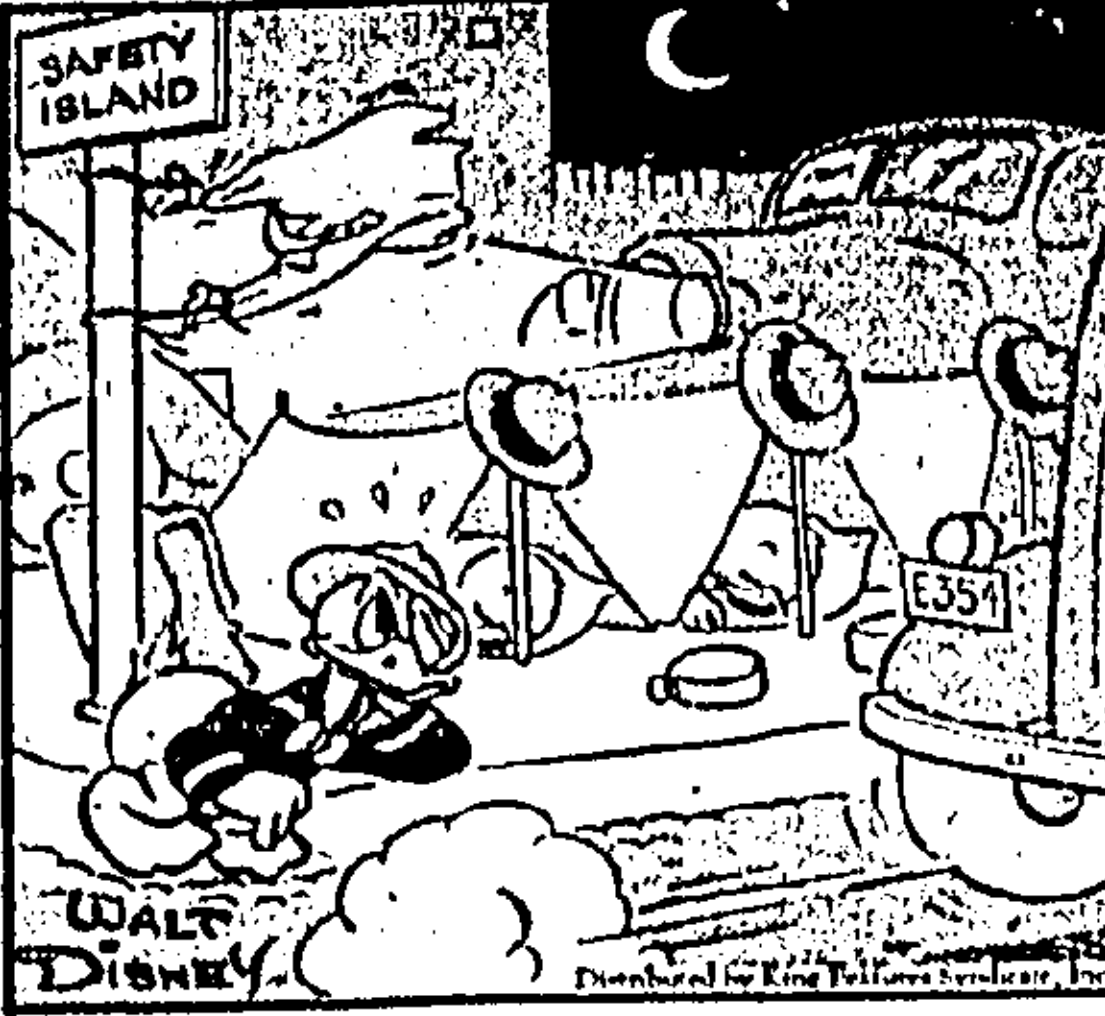
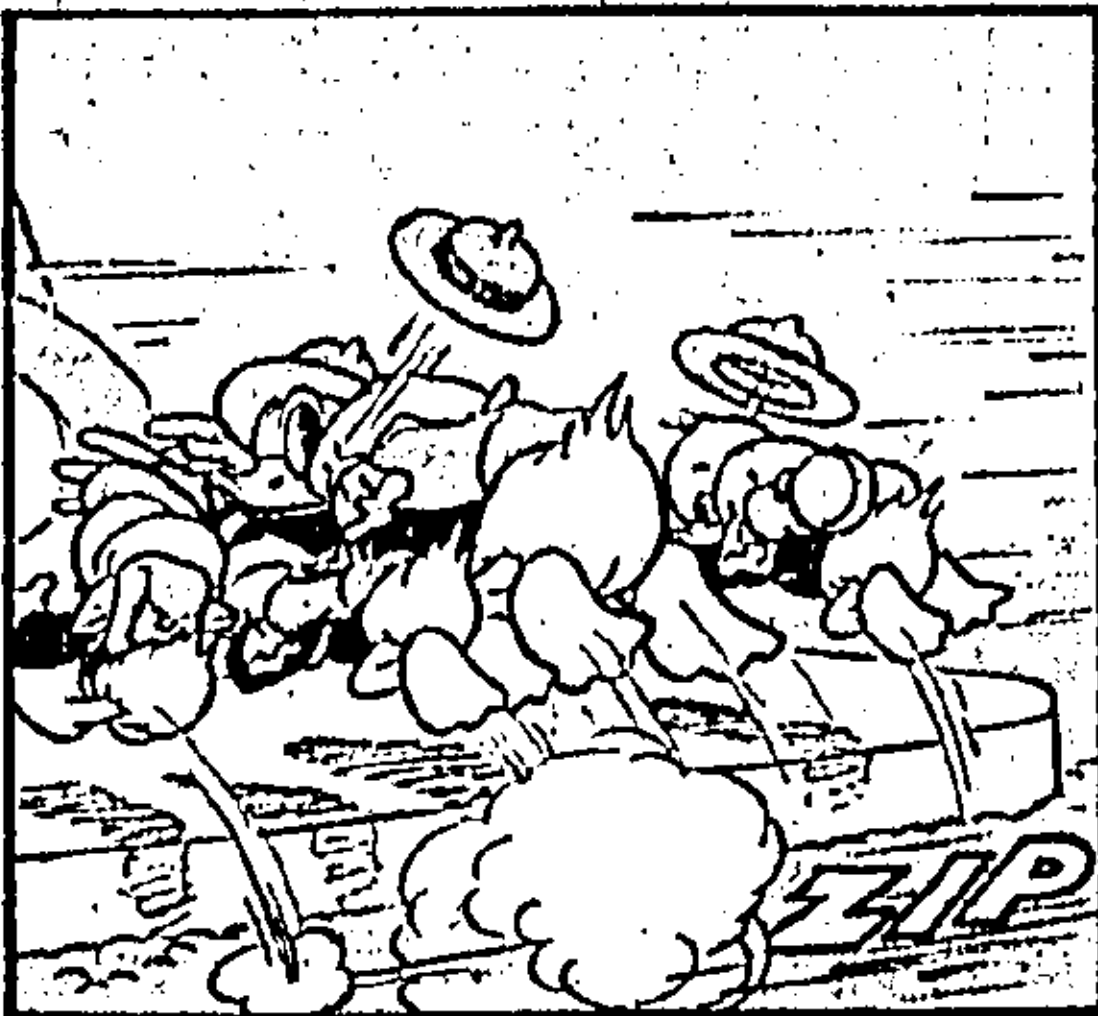
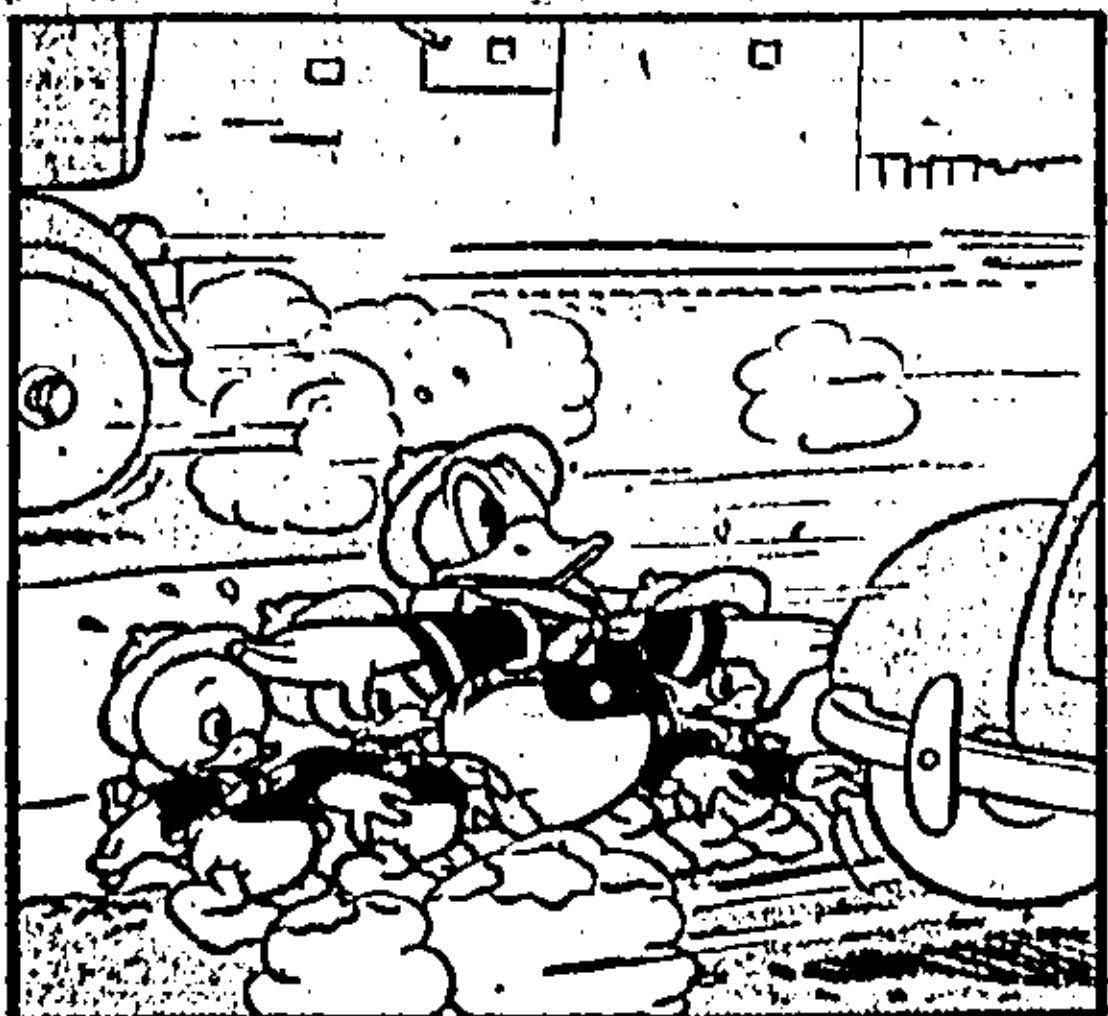
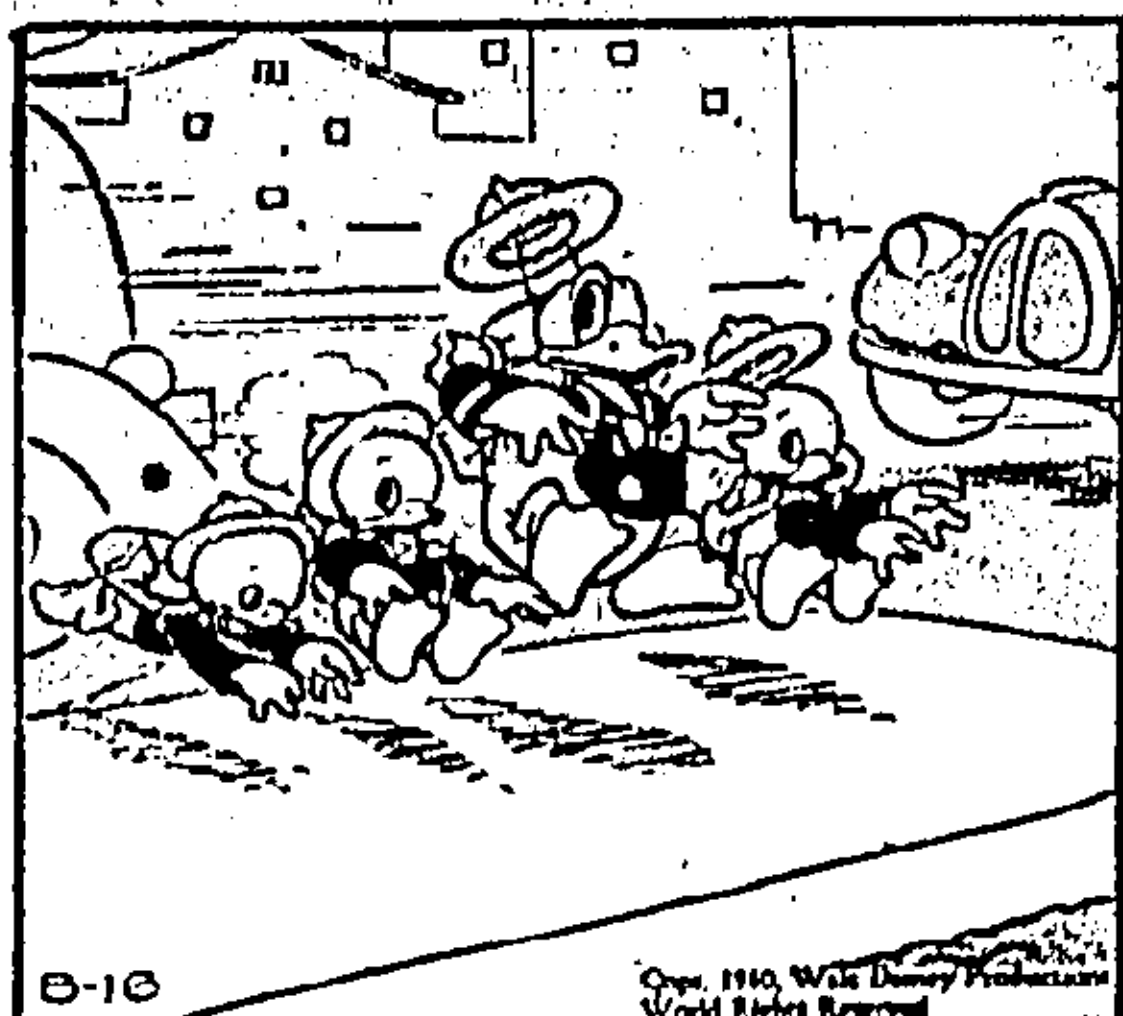
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MAGAZINE PAGE

SCIENCE IN WAR

Germany has mobilised her scientific resources for conquest. How does Britain stand in this regard? Book reviewed here, which has been compiled by a group of British scientists, states the problems and gives the answers.

WE live in a technological world, which means a world made possible by scientific discovery. If we do not make full use of science and the techniques and mechanisms that it makes available, we shall not make the fullest success out of whatever we undertake.

Science and scientific method (besides being pure know-

led by Penguin Books Ltd., is that we have lagged badly behind the Germans in realising the importance, or rather the necessity, of exploiting scientific technique to the uttermost in modern war, and that we cannot hope to win unless we speedily take steps to repair our error.

HOW many people know that a German professor called Haber enabled Germany to

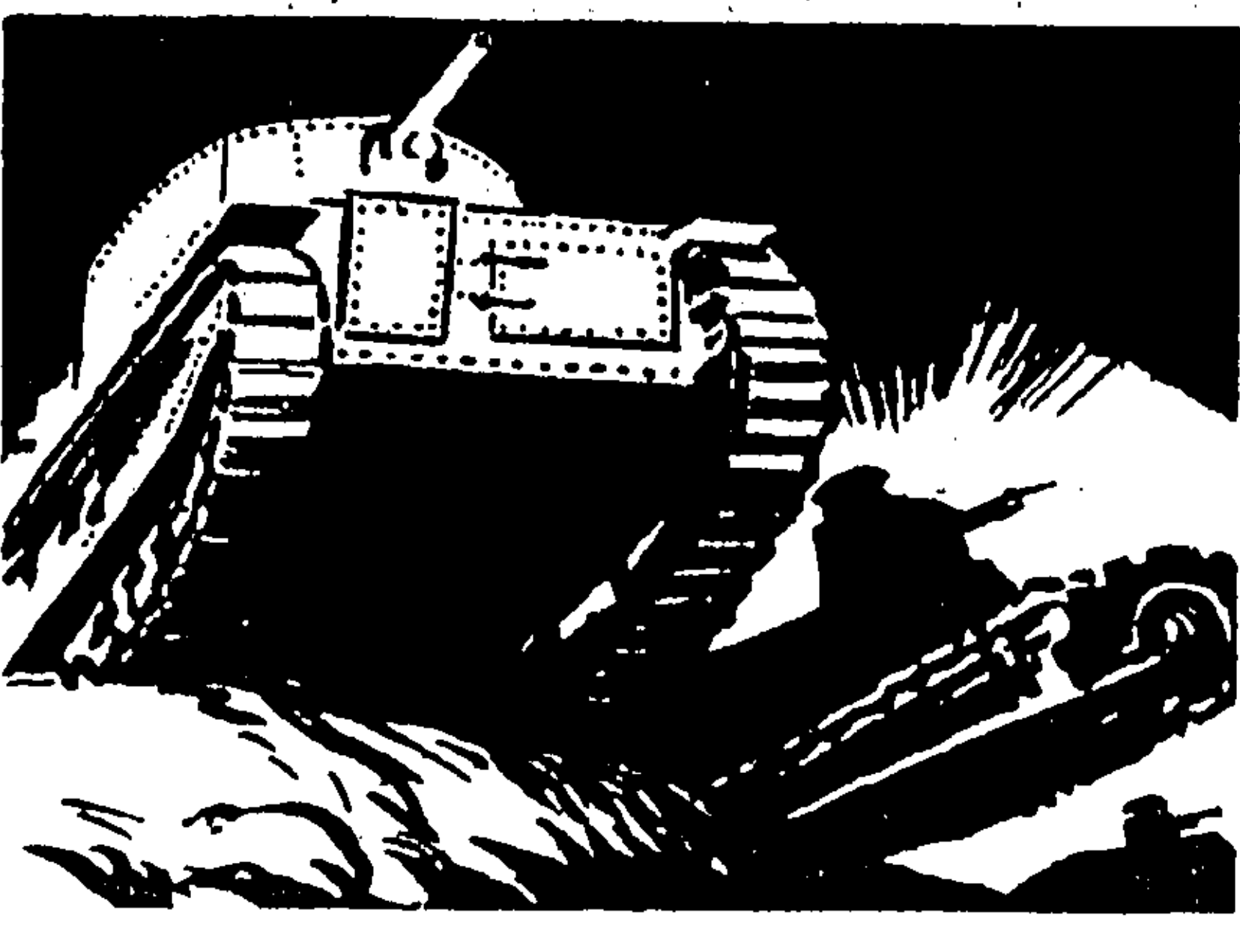
By Professor JULIAN HUXLEY

ledge) constitute an instrument for acquiring control of the world. It is only an instrument and thus can be used for ends that are good, bad, or indifferent. But it is also the only instrument for securing efficient control of the forces which surround us.

The main thesis of "Science in War," a volume just pub-

lished by Penguin Books Ltd., is that we have lagged badly behind the Germans in realising the importance, or rather the necessity, of exploiting scientific technique to the uttermost in modern war, and that we cannot hope to win unless we speedily take steps to repair our error.

And one example from this war. The magnetic mine seemed to constitute a major threat to our shipping. But



within a few weeks of the first dismantlement of an unexploded mine, science had not only discovered but applied methods for making steel ships as safe from the new menace as wooden ones.

What of the present and the future? The authors of this book claim not only that the Germans have been much more scientific than we in developing the tank (a British invention) and the strategy of tank warfare—which is fairly evident—but that scientific imagination, drawing on the experience of the Spanish War, could by now have solved the problem of anti-tank measures.

THEY assert that the failures of our and the French anti-tank guns could have been prophesied, and that without doubt the solution seems to be in the liberal use of high explosives, probably in large grenades.

Food is one of the major problems of modern war.

Here, too, Germany is being more scientific than we, for instance, in issuing vitamin supplements to all children. Our authors maintain that for less than £2,000,000 a year every man, woman and child in this country could be provided with a "vitamin biscuit"

containing enough of the ten important minerals to maintain health even if the rest of the diet were grossly deficient in protective foodstuffs.

In general, the nation's food policy in this war has not been a scientific one. That does not mean that scientists have not been consulted or that scientific ideas have played no part; but policy as a whole has been a compromise between the ideas of the scientists, tradition, the views of the National Farmers' Union, and various vested interests. If it had been radically scientific, it would have posed the problem in straightforward terms—first, how will it be possible to ensure to every human being in Britain a diet up to the standard which modern physiology has discovered to be necessary for full energy? Secondly, how can we economise to the maximum extent (consonant with our foreign economic policy) on shipping space needed for imported food? If the Government had thought along these lines, we should by now have had a very different result, both in the pattern of our agriculture and the average diet of the people.

Here are a few of the other topics which the book raises. This war is producing new types of wounds. Science is beginning to think out new ways of treating and prevent-

ing them; but the efforts are haphazard and fragmentary, not co-ordinated on a large scale.

New and rapid miniature methods enable X-ray photographs to be taken for a few pence instead of nearly as many shillings. By utilising these methods, all recruits both for the services and for industry could be X-rayed, and so early diagnosis of tuberculosis (and other diseases) obtained. This would make not only for increased war efficiency, but better national health in the future.

Camouflage depends on perfectly definite principles, which have been very thoroughly studied by biologists and physiologists. Yet, policy and execution have been left almost entirely in the hands of civil servants and artists, with, it appears, some not very satisfactory results.

Each of these particular criticisms is serious enough. But behind them is something more serious because more general—an unwillingness to think in scientific terms, a resistance to new ideas, a failure to apply scientific method in the radical and thoroughgoing way which is necessary. There are exceptions. For instance, science seems to be used admirably and fully in all branches of aviation.

But a great many scientists are not being employed at all for war purposes, and most of the rest are merely used in advisory committees. This means that their job is to answer questions that are put to them; whereas any research worker knows that the first and in some ways most important business of science is to suggest new questions. The background of our Civil Service is literary and historical, and its methods are on the whole critical and designed to minimise the risk of making mistakes instead of scientific and designed to achieve results.

THE military mind is still in large measure traditional instead of experimental. In general there is an unconscious resistance, sometimes in the highest quarters, to the idea that science can be useful in purely human subjects like propaganda or morale, and to the use of scientific method in the general planning of the national effort.

But it is no longer possible to succeed by merely relying on tradition. For better or worse, the world to-day is a technological world, and that means that the war can only be won by the utmost possible utilisation of science. We have splendid scientific resources. It is urgently necessary that they be fully mobilised and used in the right ways and the right places.

GERMANY'S ACHILLES HEEL

HOW much oil does Hitler's Europe need? Germany herself, including Austria, Czechoslovakia and occupied Poland, normally requires about eight million tons per annum. France's requirements amount to about seven million tons, while Italy needs some 3½ million tons annually. Among the smaller countries Rumania normally consumes 1.9 million tons, Holland 1.6 millions, Sweden 1.2 millions, Denmark 0.9 million and Belgium 0.7 million.

Allowing for the needs of the rest of Europe (excluding Spain, Portugal and Turkey), the total quantity of oil needed by Hitler's Europe adds up to no less than 27½ millions tons per annum.

Consumption can of course be reduced without any harmful effect on production and trade by the limitation of private motoring and by rigorous economy in other uses. Further in view of the reduction in shipping movements due to the British blockade, the quantity of oil needed for bunkering purposes will be below normal. It is very unlikely, however, that Europe's consumption can be cut below about 19 million tons per annum without crippling trade and inland transport.

How far can Hitler meet these needs from Continental European sources? On the most favourable assumptions Greater Germany may be able to produce about 5 million tons per annum; this figure includes crude oil as well as oil produced from coal and by other methods. In the present year, however, the German output may not reach this figure.

France, Albania, Hungary and Estonia can add somewhat more than one million tons annually.

Much the most important source of supply, however, is Rumania. That country is now producing at the rate of rather more than 6 million tons per annum.

But even if none of the Rumanian oil were allowed to leave Europe and even if all of it could be transported to Central, Western and Northern Europe, the Nazis could not secure more than about 12 million tons per annum in the most favourable circumstances, leaving a deficiency of 6 million tons.

Indeed, unless Germany can obtain access to additional sources of supply, Europe as a whole will be desperately short of oil, and its industries and transport will be crippled. The stocks secured in France and the Low Countries can at best postpone the difficulties for a few months.

Where is Germany likely to look for additional supplies? Russia now produces at the rate of about 30 million tons per annum, and a large proportion of her oilfields are located in Southern Russia, with pipelines leading into the Black Sea. But Russia has virtually nothing to spare.

Iraq can supply about four million tons per annum by way of the pipelines leading to the Mediterranean through Syria and Palestine.

Iran, which is even less accessible, can produce more than ten million tons annually.

But although the French Government of Syria has now apparently fallen in with the Vichy regime, the British Navy should be able to prevent shipments from that source to Europe.

How will Hitler attempt to solve this problem? If access to the Near East across the Dardanelles is barred by the danger of a conflict with Turkey and Russia, and if he is prevented from reaching his objective by sea by the British Navy, the only other—but by no means unguarded—route open to him is along the coast of North Africa, across the Suez Canal.

WALTER HILL



Even fifty years ago Germany was thinking in terms of balloonist troops. A German engineer named George Rodek was the inventor of this saddle-balloon. A saddle with stirrups took the place of the ordinary balloon car. Around him were suspended various instruments including a grappling iron fixed to the belt at his back, and sandbags securely within his reach. A powerful incandescent searchlight was turned on at will by a string held in his hand. That was before the invention of anti-aircraft gun.

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1.14 Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Florodora"—Selection (Stuart); Musical Moments—(Arr. by Aubrey Winter).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 p.m. Brahms—Quintet in F Minor Op. 34—Rudolph Serkin, (Piano) and the Bunch Quartet.

6.40 Four Brahms Songs.

En. Sunett, Sonntag, Kipnis (Huss). Suppl. Ode: The May Night, Oskewski (Contralto).

6.50 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.52 A Light Orchestral Concert with Richard Crooks.

7.20 Terence Casey at the Organ.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 "This Week's Programmes."

8.07 Studio—A Saxophone Recital by L. Palapo.

8.27 Two Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone).

Wings (Leslie Smith), A Song Doesn't Care (Smith).

8.34 Dance Music.

9.0 London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.

9.45 A Scottish Programme.

An Eriskay Love Lilt (from Songs of the Hebrides), Herding Song (from Songs of the North), Joseph Hislop; The Haymakers, Triumph, Scottish Country Dance Orchestra; Deirdre's Farewell to Scotland (Songs of the Hebrides), Tam Glen (arr. Burnett), Jean Day (Soprano); Skye Eightsome Reel, Scottish Country Dance Orchestra; Bonnie Wee Thine (Fox), MacGregor's Gathering (Kahn), Joseph Hislop.

10.15 A Variety Programme.

11.0 Close down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday says:

The firm tone at yesterday's close was carried into to-day's short morning session, with business resulting in higher rates for Lands and Trams.

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Dairy Farms \$19

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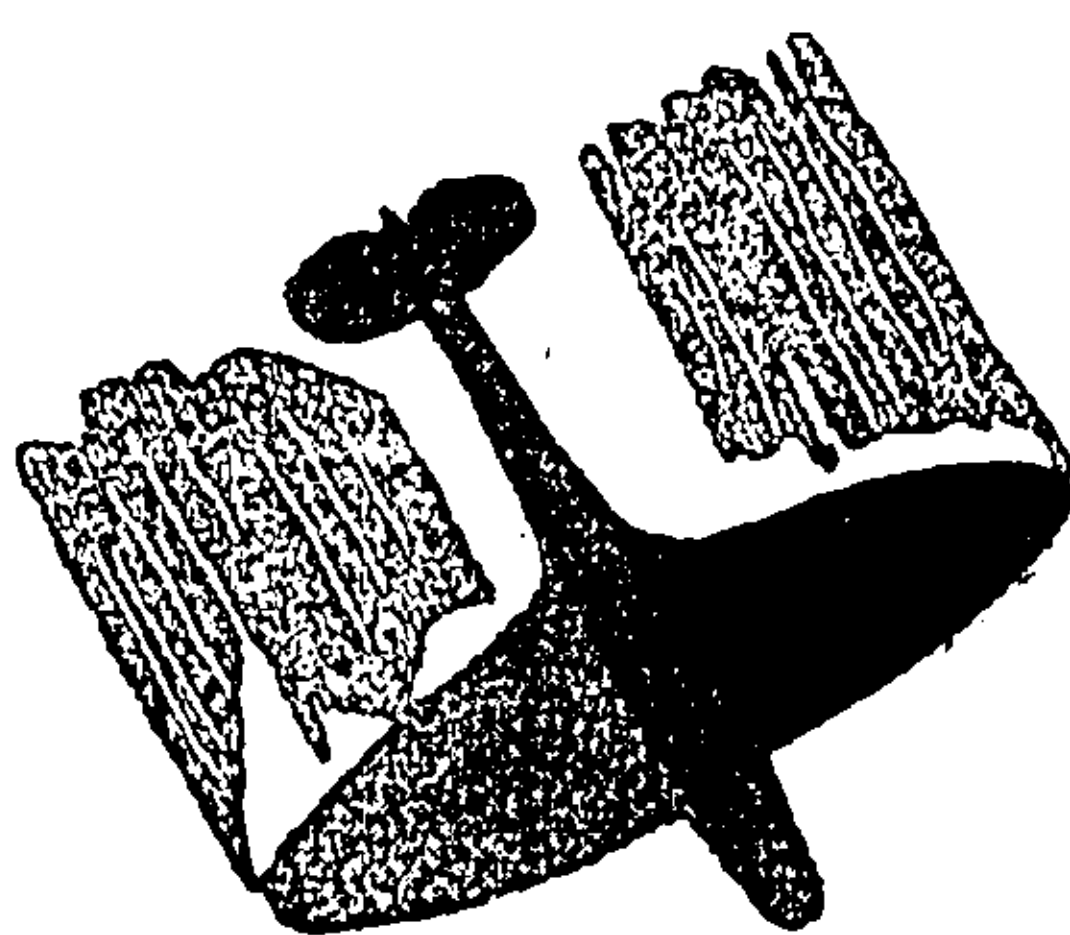
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#### Aircraft Production

Speculation as to whether Hitler will or will not attempt to invade Britain this autumn is still world-wide, but each day that fails to produce what he once called his "Blitzkrieg", indicates that the constant bombing by the R.A.F. of Germany's productive and supply centres is definitely hampering the execution of his plan.

Opinion as to his next move, is divided. Mr. Churchill expressed himself as convinced that Germany must make an attempt to invade now. Some of the more optimistic feel that he has already made an attempt but failed, while others declare that the German Fuehrer is only awaiting the fulfilment of certain plans which promise more hope of a successful invasion than the high tides and the full moon of a few days ago. On the other hand Hitler's attacks on the civilian population of Britain are a somewhat costly method of approach. They cannot lead to a victory for the German Air Force but are, on the contrary, reducing Hitler's striking power very considerably. Germany's air fleet a few weeks ago was considered to be numerically stronger than that of Britain's but the daily high percentage of losses must have very considerably lessened whatever gap existed. Experience has also shown that the quality of the British machine, especially the fighters, is superior. The limitations imposed by the supply of aviation spirit, lubricating oil and trained pilots also work in Britain's favour, but the most important factor of all in aerial warfare is the rate of production of new aircraft.

No secret is more closely guarded than this, but it has been calculated from facts known that the current production of the German and Italian aircraft factories cannot be in excess of 2,000 aeroplanes a month. Some expansion could undoubtedly be achieved but Germany and Italy will experience great difficulty, hampered by British bombing, to increase their output above 3,000 a month at any time in the foreseeable future.

In aviation circles, British production is now placed at roughly 1,800 a month. Production is however, expanding fast and Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, has been able to clear away bottlenecks which were impeding the productive effort. But this is not the whole of the facts. Supplies from the United States and Canada are increasing. The latest telegram from Washington states that Britain is now receiving aeroplanes at the rate of 500 a month. The development of production in those countries is of double importance, for they are invulnerable to attack from the air. In the light of present day experiences it is perfectly possible to imagine a state of affairs in which British bombing could reduce German and Italian output by half in the same way German bombing could reduce British output. Supplies from North America are therefore, of even greater significance than the actual figures would suggest.

At the beginning of the war Britain ordered 11,000 aeroplanes from the United States. Some 3,000 have been delivered. A large proportion of these were trainers, but the military aircraft is now being delivered in appreciable quantities and at any rate in more than sufficient numbers to cover any gap between British and the Axis production. Britain's first order for 11,000 aeroplanes was however a mild one compared to those sent later. In 1918 Mr. Morgenthau, the U.S. Secretary to the Treasury, announced, total 72,000 aeroplanes to be delivered at 3,000 a month. This figure cannot of course, be reached immediately, but even at this stage supplies are coming in well which industrial implications of this vast programme are tremendous, but the United States is standing squarely behind the plan, regarding it as an essential part of America's national defence. This support, not to mention the assistance given by the Empire generally, combined with Hitler's initial failure to defeat the R.A.F., must be a source of great comfort to Londoners in their fiery ordeal.

# At last even U.S. Middle West says STOP HIM NOW

by C. V. R. Thompson  
Special New York Reporter

IN hot mid-Western Kansas, the bread-basket of America, they used to regard a New Yorker as a foreigner, England as a country that weighed its war debts, Adolf Hitler as a nebulous bogey man.

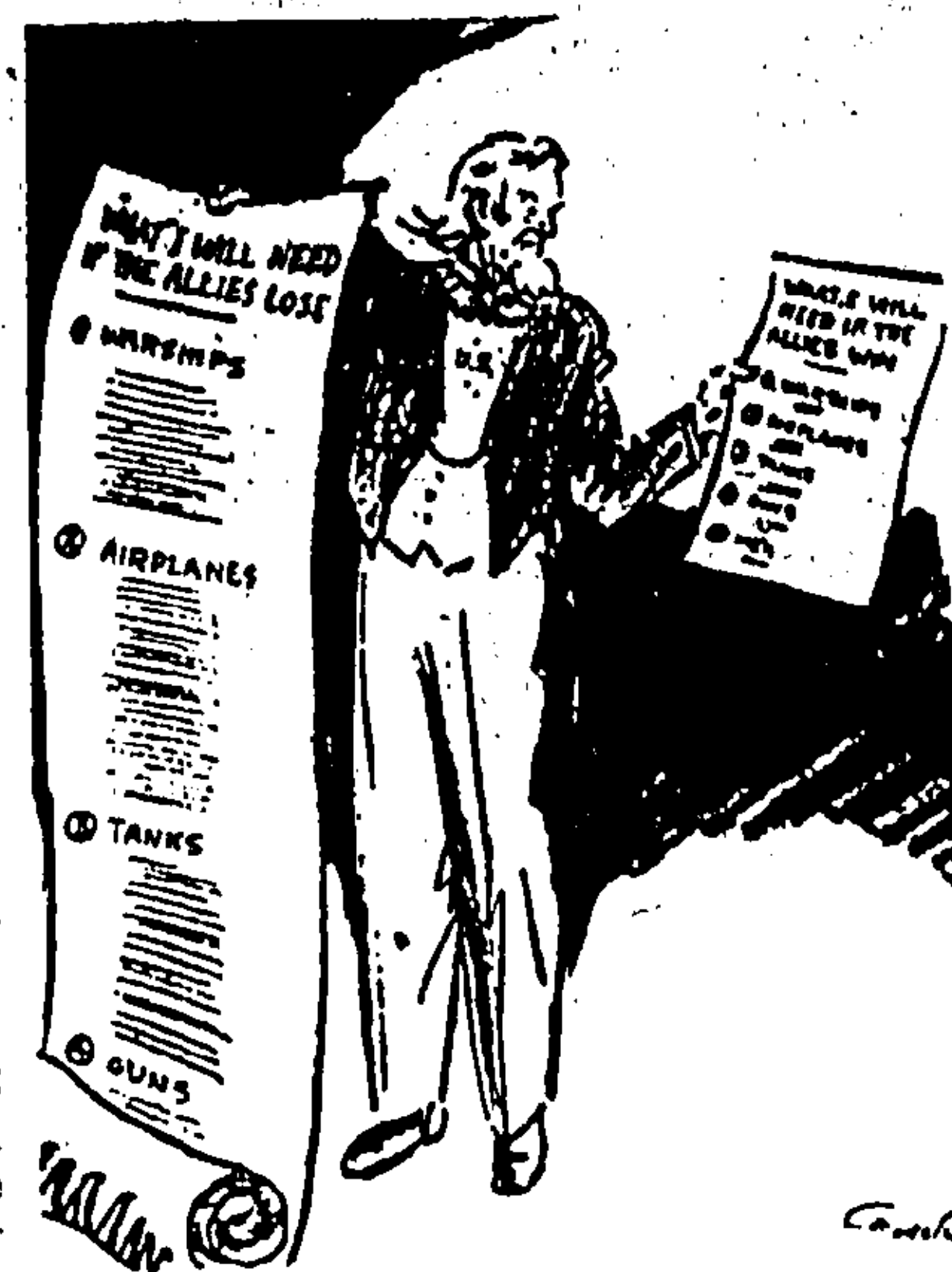
They suspected Roosevelt of thinking up plans to save his New Deal. Kansas, plumb in the middle of the American Continent, untouched by internationalism, unthreatened from east or west, used to be rabidly isolationists.

At the beginning of the war Kansas newspapers refused to concede to America even enough interest in Great War Number Two to read about it, and resisted giving it more than one column of news.

MORE sensational than the content of that advertisement was the fact that the chairman of the committee was none other than William Allen White, first citizen of isolationist Kansas. From his editor's chair in small Emporia in Kansas, White had pounded out "America for Americans" editorials for as long as most people could remember. Now he, and presumably most of the State from which he sprang, was virtually interventionists.

To Americans elsewhere this brought home the change that had come over American sentiments since the old days of last autumn, when they were talking about a "phony war." White became convinced that America's first line of defence was on the Rhine after his son, energetic William C. White, returned from Europe. White junior watched Finland fall, toured Germany, Italy, France, and England. He came home convinced that Adolf Hitler was bent not on the conquest of Europe but the conquest of the world.

Early in June William Allen White sat down to his worn desk



of William Allen White, endorsed his committee's work.

MORE than two million names were collected for a petition urging the fullest possible aid to the Allies. All kinds of names—bankers and actresses, writers and commercial travellers, housewives and farmers.

In the hectic days before the fall of France those signatures showered American Congressmen with demands to stop Hitler now. They helped to bring America's public temperature to such a height that one untoward incident would have brought the United States to war. But that is not primarily the aim of William Allen White's committee. His plans are openly selfish. If it is possible, he would like the Allies to pull America's chestnuts out of the fire, with America supplying all the things that are necessary. Only if the Allies were in danger of defeat would he approve of America going directly into the war.

After the defeat of France the Committee for Defending America by Aiding the Allies went into a momentary decline. Isolationists, seeing a new danger of America being dragged into the war to rescue England from what they thought was immediate defeat, began to hint at the possible appeasement of Adolf Hitler.

There was talk, a lot of it fostered by German agents and out-and-out German sympathisers, like Senator Robert Reynolds, that England was as good as beaten, and what was the use of sending her any more help? But William Allen White continued his campaign. Now his committee considers it more important than ever to help Britain. So does the rest of America.

THE British seizure of the French Fleet, the British defeat of German bombing squadrons, British aggressiveness and British determination have suddenly taken hold of American imagination.

A week ago you would have heard hardly one American in a hundred who would give you even money that England could win the war. Now it is quite a different story. Confidence is returning, says the Sage of Kansas.

names—Colonel Julius Ochs Adler, of the New York Times, and actress Tallulah Bankhead, Colonel Henry Breckinridge, adviser of isolationist Colonel Lindbergh, and author Louis Bromfield, educator Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler and socialite Mrs. Winthrop Aldrich.

In three hundred and nineteen cities, suburbs, towns and villages throughout America local chapters were formed; Frank Knox printed the appeal cheques, gifts and offers of help poured in. Robert Sherwood went around theatres, and in a few days collected enough to and enthusiastic. A committee finance that sensational advertisement was formed. It was a strange timent. President Roosevelt's assortment of famous American traditionally the political enemy

"I'd better help them win"

—cartoon from the Christian Science Monitor, Boston.

## OUR TURN WILL COME

THOSE who know something of our leading military personnel find reassurance in the fact that two practical and comparatively young soldiers now hold the vital Army commands.

General Sir John Dill is Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and General Sir Alan Brooke is Commander-in-Chief of our home forces.

Curiously enough both these officers, on whom such a supreme responsibility now rests, are Ulstermen. No special significance attaches to this coincidence, except perhaps that Northern Ireland has a long tradition of a practical achievement, for a produce realists.

And it is realists we certainly want active finger on another anachronism. In the present emergency. People who not only look but think back—instead of mechanising it. In other words, whether they are statesmen or soldiers, are fatal encumbrances in conditions of warfare, as exploited by the Germans, now demand. We changing circumstance. A strange fact is the way in which the warning voices of up-to-date authorities have been persistently ignored in the immediate past.

#### "Tombstone of France"

If the French General Staff had given a moment's serious attention of all services. Napoleon, as G.E.S. to Major-General J. F. C. Fuller's his historic victories largely because whilst the military pedants opposed to him held up hands of horror, he did not scruple to put his infantry into carts in order to move them quickly and secure the invaluable strategic asset of surprise.

The Army has always been, however, in almost every country, the most conservative, even reactionary, of all services. Napoleon, as G.E.S. to Major-General J. F. C. Fuller's his historic victories largely because whilst the military pedants opposed to him held up hands of horror, he did not scruple to put his infantry into carts in order to move them quickly and secure the invaluable strategic asset of surprise.

Smash-and-Grab

We still have military experts who write portentously apropos Hitler's related invasion of this island, of "bridgeheads." They envisage the Germans, by some novel device or trick, securing a foothold at one or more positions on our coast, and thereafter proceeding to reinforce those devoted storm-troop divisions in the traditional classic manner. Just as we did with our B.E.F. in 1914 B.C. Pardon—A.D. Whereas nothing can be more certain than that, if and when the Germans attempt an invasion of this impregnable island, it will be on the smash-and-grab lines which so utterly demoralised France.

Hitler's Higher Command, if it seriously contemplates invading us, will budget for a lightning drive right through to our vital centres. There will be no worrying over "bridgeheads," otherwise than as an immediate jumping-off place.

#### The Gestapo's Grip

Having seen something of preparation for welcoming "Jerry" to this the Belgians, the Norwegians, or national brigandage.

#### FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Doan



"I want you to add a convoy!"

Island, I shall be distinctly disappointed if he does not come up to scratch. It will be a picnic that will help tremendously to relieve Hitler's constant anxiety about "Lebensraum."

Actually one finds very few intelligent people, whether in or out of uniform, who believe a German invasion to be practicable. Even if Germany had absolute command of the sea and the air, which is very far from being the case, it would be a terrifically hazardous enterprise.

What one does encounter is a considerable dubiety regarding the chances of our carrying the fight to Germany. That attitude strikes me as being quite unintelligent.

Every one of Germany's Blitzkrieg successes so far, and not least the over-running of France, owed more to Fifth-Columnism than to actual military puissance.

Has it occurred to anyone how peculiarly open to Fifth-Column demoralisation Hitler's present position is? Obviously is? An inviting opportunity is there, if we have the nous to grasp it effectively. Germany at the moment is holding down more than half Europe by military occupation, backed by Gestapo methods.

Does anyone cherish any delusion regarding the feelings of the overawed alien peoples concerned? Do you imagine the Poles, the Dutch, may yet perish of a surfeit of interaction for welcoming "Jerry" to this the Belgians, the Norwegians, or national brigandage.

even the Danes are liking this state of Nordic subjection?

We have only to launch a reasonably hopeful and determined offensive against Germany, almost anywhere, and the strain on all those German armies of occupation will become intolerable.

#### Against the Grain

Once there are signs of Germany being well held, and eventually perhaps beaten, it will be strange indeed if there is not some exemplary German throat-cutting in many seething centres of hatred for Nazism.

Some if not all of the peoples now under the German jackboot will be emulating the grim record of the Sicilian Vespers before long. Not so long as Germany seems to stand triumphant perhaps, but the moment the brutal Frankish monster begins to show signs of clay feet and to totter a bit on his pedestal. Such a domination as Hitler has manoeuvred, chiefly by following the old Roman maxim of "Divide to rule," is dead against the grain of history and human nature.

Hitler's latest oration to the Reichstag, with its significant omission of any reference to President Roosevelt's rousing comments on despotism, seems to me to be a betrayal of the feelings of the some faint paranoid glimmers of this immutable truth. Hitlerism, may yet perish of a surfeit of interaction for welcoming "Jerry" to this the Belgians, the Norwegians, or national brigandage.



# ITALY MAKING FRANTIC EFFORTS TO KEEP EGYPT OUT OF THE WAR

## Il Duce's Newspaper Appeal To Farouk

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—The authoritative morning newspaper *Messaggero* to-day published a front-page open letter addressed to King Farouk of Egypt asking him to explain the Egyptian attitude towards Italy and to assume responsibility for a definite stand for or against England.

The newspaper declares that to assure peace, King Farouk should demonstrate that there has been a break in the solidarity between him and England.

### Cairo Resignations

A Cairo message says that all four Suddist Cabinet Ministers who favour an immediate declaration of war by Egypt against Italy have resigned. The resignations followed Cabinet discussions on the policy to be pursued in view of the Italian advance. The Cabinet crisis has, however, been overcome by a general reshuffle. The Cabinet is now composed solely of independent Constitutional Liberals and numbers 12 instead of 16. The Wafd Party maintains that it is necessary to hold elections. The withdrawal of the four Suddist leader for Egypt to defend her territory.

### Rome Jubilant

ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—Italian efforts to avoid war with Egypt appeared to have gained ground following an announcement from Cairo that the four most pro-British Egyptian Cabinet Ministers have resigned and have been replaced by politicians who favour a policy of wait and see. The importance which official Italian circles attach to the news is revealed by the fact that the Press Department of the popular Ministry of Culture to-day issued a special communique announcing the Egyptian Cabinet reshuffle.

Authoritative quarters here feel the resignation of the four Ministers is not only a distinct gain because it removes four of Italy's enemies, but it further indicates that the remainder of the Egyptian Cabinet are very reluctant to go to war against Italy and that they are so far resisting the reported British pressure to do so. It is considered that the Egyptian policy in the present most critical phase of the war might decide Italy's future course, and it is hinted that General Graziani's attitude is now marked time until the issue is more settled.

### Singapore Police Hold Japanese

SINGAPORE, Sept. 22 (Domei).—The Singapore police have detained a Japanese named Shinzaki and certain other persons "for inquiries." It is stated that fuller details will be released on Monday.

## THE 'LETTER' TO KING FAROUK

The open letter in the *Messaggero*, addressed to King Farouk reads: "Your Majesty: Throw out the pseudo-Egyptianized English and the pseudo-Anglicized Egyptians who are spies and traitors to Egypt without friendship with Italy, Egypt can have no future either national, religious or international."

"The English advise you to consider us outright as an enemy and they may even force you to declare war. But why should Egypt assume a war which is not hers, an enemy which is not hers and a responsibility which is not hers? Meet our sovereign Duce and Army half way and we will advance and meet you half way if you sincerely wish to save Egypt from the ravages of war and show that a break of the solidarity between you and England has occurred; that although you are under a yoke, you are disposed to break away as soon as possible."

"Neither King, Parliament, political party any more than the army can pretend really to desire to overthrow foreign tyranny if they do not give concrete evidence of their desire. The clock of history favours no one and its hands never turn back. Your Highness, Farouk, this is a pitiless war—war for a place in the world. Young Italy is willing to help you, but at least give us a signal! This is your responsibility."

## LIABILITY ACCEPTED

### Government And Air Raid Injuries

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Government accepts complete liability for air raid injuries to workers.

This was announced by Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, in a broadcast to-day.

The Minister, she said, had received many enquiries in this connection. An owner of a shop asked: "If I keep open and serve customers during a raid, am I liable if anyone is hurt?" A factory owner enquired: "If I allow men to work when shelters are provided, am I liable for compensation?"

A worker said: "I am willing to work through a raid but how about my wife and family if I get hurt? If I don't go to shelter they will say it was my fault."

Under No Liability Shop-owners and factory owners are under no liability, Miss Wilkinson said. The Government will look after the casualties and dependents with all the sympathy and support due to those who stand by their country on the eve of triumph.

The Government does not want the workers to run foolhardy risks, but any needless stoppage of work acts in favour of Hitler. A trade union is being brought out explaining the precautions to be taken when workers carry on during alarms.

## WAR CUTS DIVORCES BY HALF

WAR is mending broken romances and bringing peace to the home.

This is proved by the fact that since war began the number of divorces has shrunk by more than 50 per cent.

So rapid has been the decline in the number of new petitions that the *Matrimonial Causes Act*, usually the year's heaviest, is lighter than for many years.

One result is that the time taken to get a divorce heard from the date on which it is set down will soon have shrunk from between nine and 12 months to about the same number of weeks.

### Quarrels Made Up

A lawyer with a divorce practice said: "Great national crises invariably have this result. Husbands and wives seem to 'get together' in a new spirit and decide to forget their differences."

"The early part of the last war had the same effect. But there is usually a reaction. Divorce work increases after a war."

A year ago petitions were being made at the average rate of 21 a day. To-day the rate is barely 12. Lately in the Poor Persons Department many petitions have been withdrawn.

## Italy's Eyes On Syria

### New Diplomatic Moves

ISTANBUL, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The close attention with which the constant reinforcement of the Italian Mission in Syria is being followed here has been further increased by the arrival of another group of nine Italians en route to join the Armistice Commission at Beyrouth.

Their passage has aroused more interest in view of reports here of Italy's covetous designs on Syria.

Passengers arriving from Iraq via Syria state that the Italians are working very cautiously owing to their fear of an uprising by the Syrians and even by all Arabs whose animosity towards Italy is reported to be increasing steadily.

## 1917 Zeppelin Will Help Build Fighters—For Us

A German Zeppelin brought down in 1917 is going to help build Hurricanes and Spitfires to defend England now.

At Eastbourne the Women's Voluntary Services received a large box full of aluminium scraps from the wrecked Zeppelin, which had been kept as souvenirs for twenty-three years.

## CONCHIES STAY PUT NO PROMOTION RULE—IN CIVIL SERVICE

Civil servants who are "conchies" will not be promoted in war time.

This was the promise given in the House of Commons by Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

The "promotional" rule has been decided upon, he said, so that "conchies" instructed by tribunals to remain in the Civil Service will not be permitted to win any advantage over colleagues serving with the forces.

## ITALIAN TROOPS BLOWN SKY HIGH

### In Mined Village

CAIRO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—As the enemy's lines of communication lengthen, difficulty of maintaining large forces on the forward line is increasing enormously.

British troops operating on the Egyptian front are not under-rating the fighting qualities of the enemy, who has shown signs of German tactics of advancing in waves, irrespective of casualties.

### Solid Target

They offer a solid target, show considerable courage and no signs of tiring. They suffered, for instance, very severe casualties when they entered the village of Sidi Barrani which had been heavily mined with controlled mines.

When they had invested the village, the British pulled the control switch. According to an eye-witness, the entire village, full of enemy troops, appeared to be blown into the air by the explosion.

### High British Morale

British artillery and equipment and accuracy of British gunners are proving definitely superior to that of the enemy.

British troops are in excellent spirits, looking forward to the real combat. At the same time they are showing great patience as the Italians are allowed to push on slowly to our outlying defence positions.

Meanwhile the advancing Italians have to face a harrying fire by our armoured units which are making good use of their knowledge of every inch of the terrain which the enemy has to cover.

### East African Raids

CAIRO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—In East Africa the South African Air Force attacked Birakao, where buildings were bombed and several fires started. A small factory was damaged.

Seventy per cent of the buildings were gutted. R.A.F. bombers raided Tessenet aerodrome. One enemy aircraft was badly damaged.

Enemy bombers attempting to raid Aden yesterday were driven off. No damage was done.

### Official Communiques

## Invasion Bases In Channel Bombarded

Among the official communiques released yesterday was the following by the Air Ministry regarding the bombing of enemy bases in the Channel:

The R.A.F. continued their attacks on enemy invasion bases in the Channel ports yesterday and last night.

During the day, aircraft from the Bomber Command attacked the port of Flushing, its defences and concentrations of barges, light draught vessels at Rotterdam, Antwerp, Ostend and near Nieuwenen (Holland) and in the Calais-St. Omer Canal.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command operated successfully against enemy ships at sea. A convoy of 12 merchant ships was bombed near Boulogne.

A patrolling aircraft attacked a supply ship of large tonnage south of Borkum and incendiary bombs were observed to strike the vessel.

Two smaller ships were attacked near the Dutch Island of Ameland, a direct hit on one of them was followed by an explosion.

During the night, from shortly after dusk until nearly dawn, the ports of Ostend, Dunkirk, Boulogne and Calais were heavily bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

Many bombs were seen to burst with good effect on ships, barges and docks, and the attacks were punctuated by fires and explosions.

From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.

## LONDON: Slighter Nazi Air Activity

There has been no enemy air activity on a large scale to-day although isolated aircraft crossed the east and south-east coasts from time to time.

Some of these penetrated inland over East Anglia and a few reached London.

Bombs were dropped in country districts and south-east districts of London.

A number of houses were hit. Some damage was caused to gas and water mains.

A small number of people are reported killed and injured. One enemy bomber was shot down during the day.

## CAIRO: Italians Bomb Alexandria

Egypt: Yesterday morning Alexandria was bombed by enemy aircraft, causing negligible damage. There were very few casualties.

Palestine: Enemy aircraft again raided Haifa yesterday afternoon. Bombs were dropped on various quarters of the town, causing a cer-

## ADMITS LOSS OF SUPPORT

### Vichy Complaint

VICHY, Sept. 22. (Domei).—A Foreign Office spokesman acknowledging the occurrence of numerous anti-Vichy incidents practically everywhere in French Africa, said that General Charles de Gaulle's propaganda is gradually succeeding in Morocco, Syria, Dahomey also Togoland.

"The situation in Dahomey and Togoland is not clear. Other territories, however, are still under our control," the spokesman said.

## War Supplies From India

### 20,000 Items

SIMLA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—A survey of India's factories will shortly be made in order to estimate the country's productive capacity for war supplies.

India to-day is producing some 20,000 items required for war purposes, including weapons, ammunition, clothing, leather, engineering and ordnance stores and numerous raw materials.

Great efforts are being made to extend the scope of production still further.

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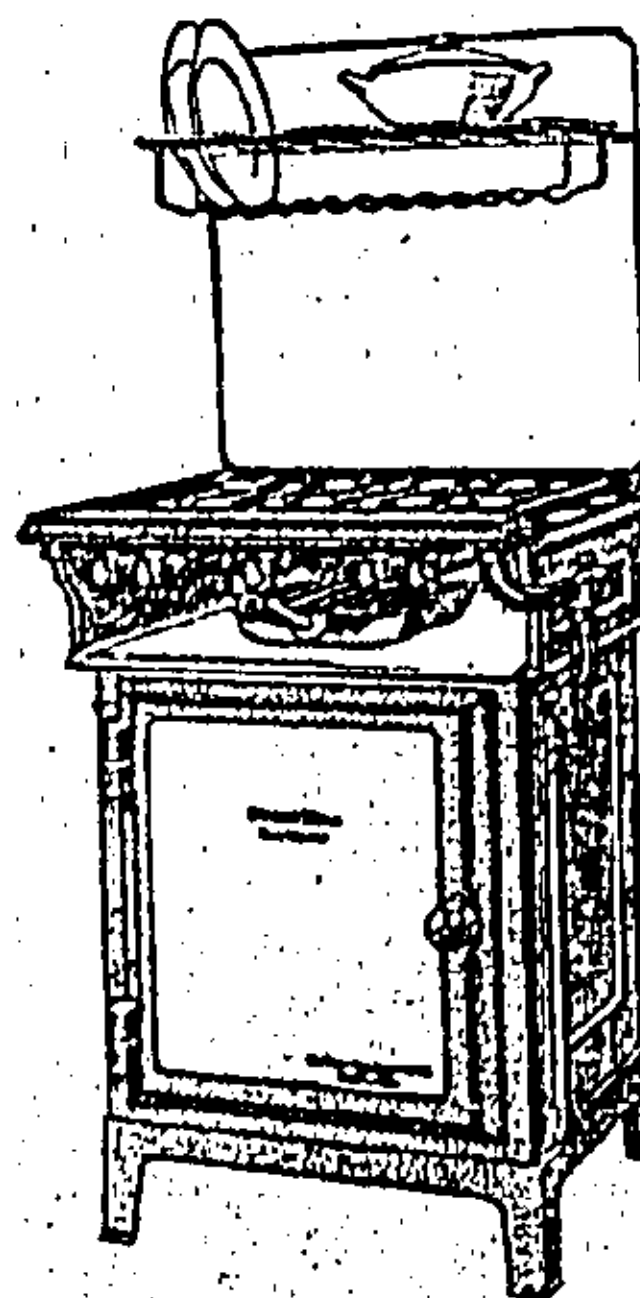
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# MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

## Burling And Rakusen Nearly Surprise Omar Brothers

### Alves And Ribeiro Beat Club-Mates 21-14

#### OPEN PAIRS SEMI-FINALS

(By "Tinker")

THOUGH the Omar brothers uphold general expectations in beating W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen in the semi-finals of the Open Pairs semi-finals at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday, the Civil Service C.C. pair confounded critics by the splendid opposition they provided before being eliminated 21-18.

The second semi-final also went according to "book", and H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro entered the final at the expense of L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro by 21-14.

These two pairs will now meet in the final which will be played at the Kowloon Football Club next Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

It would be quite accurate to say that whereas the standard of the Ribeiro-Ribeiro match was consistently high, that of the Omar-Rakusen game was fluctuating, and this is borne out by a glance at the scores.

The champions had a doubtful start, but after they had settled down, they had two scoring spells over five heads each, and these were only separated by a 3 registered by their opponents on the 12th end.

In the second game, over no great number of heads was either able to dominate the other.

### Ribeiro v. Ribeiro

THOUGH the score in this game was more decisive than the other, I would only concede the slight edge of superiority to the winners. It was, throughout, divided into two separate duels—that between the Nos. 1 (Alves and Silva) and that between the Ribeiro's. It was great to watch.

It would be quite a monotonous recital to make mention of each occasion on which shots rested out shots or on which fine draws or drives achieved their objective. The lie was changing so continuously as to create an intense interest for spectators.

On one of the closing heads—a short one—the first eight woods sent down by Alves and Silva, four were "touchers" and a circle of two

### W. Lawrence Unable To Defend Back-stroke

It is reliably learned that for reasons of health, W. Lawrence will be unable to defend his 100 yards back-stroke title in the coming Colony Swimming Championships.

### Omar v. Rakusen

THE thrills of this game were intensified by the closeness of the scores. Not until the last wood was sent down by Rakusen was the match won, for Rakusen was faced with the great task of taking out U. M. Omar's shot which would have left a count of 2 (which would have given a tie)

or 3 (which would have won them the game).

That was a thrilling moment. Rakusen had a "toucher" from Burling in the ditch. The jack had been taken back from a full head. Omar was just behind the white ball, and second shot was Rakusen's wood slightly away from and behind Omar's. A wick of the jack would have scored the 2; and to have taken out Omar's wood might have meant a 3. Rakusen missed both the jack and Omar's wood by a fraction of an inch!

And even on the previous head the situation had been tense. A. M. Omar had rested the jack. Burling took the jack back and then drew a beauty to tie two. U. M. Omar split the opposing woods to tie second shot, and, as on the final head, Rakusen only just failed to take Omar's shot out for a 3.

As a result, with his last wood Rakusen was faced with his opponents lying 8. He took out one of the woods, but most unluckily struck it on the wrong side, and left the 8. From the other side he would have wickled into the nestling woods might even have scored!

Though, as I have said, form was very varied, the individual spasms of brilliance were well in tune with semi-final standards, while the highlights just mentioned provided an excitement that more than compensated for shortcomings elsewhere. But the Omar brothers will have to show a greater consistency to offer any serious challenge to H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro on Sunday next.

## The Score-board

L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro	H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro	W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen	A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar
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U. M. Omar is anxiously watching the progress of one of M. N. Rakusen's woods in the Open Pairs semi-finals played at the Kowloon B.G.C. Ming Yuen.

## U.S.S. Mindanao Secure Baseball Pennant

U.S.S. MINDANAO successfully defended their hold on the Hong-kong Baseball League pennant against the challenge of H.B. Saturday, winning the play-off for the Dagman Shield by 5-3. H. B. were without the services of their "ace" hitter, Dave Leonard, while Bowen was with an injured knee.

Powlawski whiffed nine to win the game for the Mindanao. Conspicuous for the H.B.'s was Ali, who helded brilliantly and brought off several miraculous catches.

Mindanao opened with two runs and with one in the fourth and two in the fifth frames completed their scoring streak before H.B. killed one, which was also in the fifth.

H.B. came back again with two more in the sixth, but were blanked in the last to leave Mindanao winners 5-3.

Score by innings was:  
Mindanao 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
H.B. 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 3

### Swimming

### SOUTH CHINA A.A. CROSS-HARBOUR RACE

Miss Li Po-luen Wins Women's Section

MISS LI PO-LUEN, prospective Colony champion for the women's greatest-stroke, yesterday won the women's race across the harbour held by the South China Athletic Association at North Point. Young Cheung-wa came in first for the men in 34 mins. 49 secs.

Miss Li's time was 38 minutes, and was only 16 seconds ahead of Miss Ho Wai-man.

The weather was fine, though the harbour was slightly choppy, and 34 swimmers took to the water. These included four women and a number of boys and girls, and only four—all men—failed to complete the course.

Results were:  
Men—Young Cheung-wa (34 mins. 49 secs.); 2. Ho Poon-kun (35 mins. 20.1/2 secs.); 3. Mak Kun-nam (37 mins.).  
Women—Li Po-luen (38 mins.); 2. Ho Wai-man (38 mins. 19 secs.); 3. Au Mei-chuen (40 mins. 9 secs.); 4. Cheung Man-han.

Boys and Girls—1. Two Sal-jok (39 mins.); 2. Ngan Suet-yee (41 mins.); 3. Chiu Pik; 4. Yeung On-pang.

Others who completed the distance were: Tsui Tak-lau, Pui Hak-kong, Yeung On-pang, Ho Sek-ki, Lin Ming-chi, Lai Lau, Lai Sek-ki, Au Hong-kuen, Chiu Yai-tan, Tsang Kwok-wai, Cheung Siu-cho, Ng Wing-yiu, Wong Kwan-jung, So Pak-sing, Wong Yee-yin and Siu Chung-yiu.

## League Football Starts

### Navy Beat Police With Last Minute Goals

#### South China Defeated

LEAGUE FOOTBALL made its re-appearance over the week-end, and in the only two games played in the First Division, the Royal Scots beat South China 1-0 on Saturday, and the Navy beat the Police 2-1 yesterday, both Navy goals being scored in the last ten minutes of the game.

Navy are a much strengthened side this year, and it was not surprising that during the first half they had the better of the exchanges, and, in fact, scored

the only goal of that half. Gift, in goal, gave a second fine performance, and was the factor of Navy's defence that held off Police opposition during the initial period. Roughly and Howlett, the back were inclined to mis-understandings and consequently added to the duties of Gift.

But in the half-back line were men who could be relied upon, and the trio, Howlett, Croft and Britt, did great work—especially the first named.

From the left wing of Navy's attack came the most danger, and though full use was made of O'Regan, Bourne was somewhat neglected during the second period. O'Regan, incidentally, was responsible for both of Navy's goals.

### POLICE UNLUCKY

TAYLOR, for the most part, was steady in the Police goal. It is true that an error on his part cost the Police the game, but that could only be conceded unfortunate. He held his charge intact for the greater portion of the game and only failed in the last ten minutes.

The backs and halves showed improved form. Purker and Blackburn put up a solid front in the last line, while Pope, Gough and Britt were a half-back trio that not only held the Navy's attack, but were continually backing up their forwards with excellently placed passes.

### DESERVED SUCCESS

IT was deserved success when Ferrier slammed home Police's goal in the 20th minute of the first half, following receipt of a fine centre from Wong Man-kwai, and it was unfortunate for the Police that Wong was unable to make a move between Howlett and Ferrier towards the end of the initial period. Gift saved magnificently.

It was within ten minutes from the end that Navy tallied their first goal through O'Regan, who met a breast-high centre with his head and deflected it into the net. This was culmination of a series of sorties made by the Navy van.

The second goal was lucky. Phippens sent over a high centre which Taylor grasped but did not hold properly, and O'Regan took the ball as it slipped out of the goalie's hands, and slammed it home for the winner.

The teams were:

Teams: Police—Taylor; Parker, Blackburn; Pope, Gough, North, Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Gordon, Ferrier and Moss.

Navy—Gift; Roughly, Howlett; Howlett, Croft, Britt, Phippens, Allison, Hendy, O'Regan and Bourne.

## INDIANS REDUCE TIGERS' LEAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (UP).—Cleveland Indians reduced the Detroit Tigers' lead in the race for the American Baseball League pennant when they humbled their rivals 10-5 to-day.

Scores were:

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland	Detroit	New York	Chicago	St. Louis	Philadelphia	Washington	Pittsburgh	Baltimore	Brooklyn	Philadelphia
10 5	5 1	8 2	10 1	0 6	5 7	5 8	4 0	5 7	10 13	2 6

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	Brooklyn	Philadelphia	St. Louis	Chicago	San Francisco	San Diego	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego
2 7	1 0	10 13	2 6	1 0	1 6	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0

## South China Fail In First Game

CONSIDERABLY weakened by the loss of many of their star players from last year, South China suffered defeat at the hands of the Royal Scots in their first League soccer match of the new season on Saturday at Sookunpo.

Lee Wai-long, turned out once more for the South China XI but experienced considerable bad luck, though in being thwarted in the closing minutes of the South China raids was great tribute to the defence of the Royal Scots.

Naymuth and Fraser, in particular, were outstanding in this latter department, holding the Chinese attackers until their team-mates had adapted themselves to their opponents long-passing methods that at first were disconcerting.

The only goal was scored by Gilroy in the first half.

The closing stages of the second period featured several incidents which culminated in Tso Kwai-shing being sent off following an injury to Clarke who was carried off the field.

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W. McLeod, G. L. Perkins, J. Oren and J. C. S. Fender (Police "A") beat W. A. Cornell, G. H. Bond, B. Mansell and A. Spary (P.W.D. "C") 25-14.

H. H. Beddow, C. G. Solis, H. J. Wallington and N. J. Bebbington (Education) beat A. J. Macfarlane, J. Dobson, P. Morgan and G. E. Stephens (P.W.D. "B") 25-12.

F. Anslow, A. Steven, I. Newton and J. McGowan (Medical "D") beat V. Freeman, D. J. Valentine, J. Skinner and T. Pile (Medical "A").

## SPORTS ADVT.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 5th and Thursday, 10th October, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; The Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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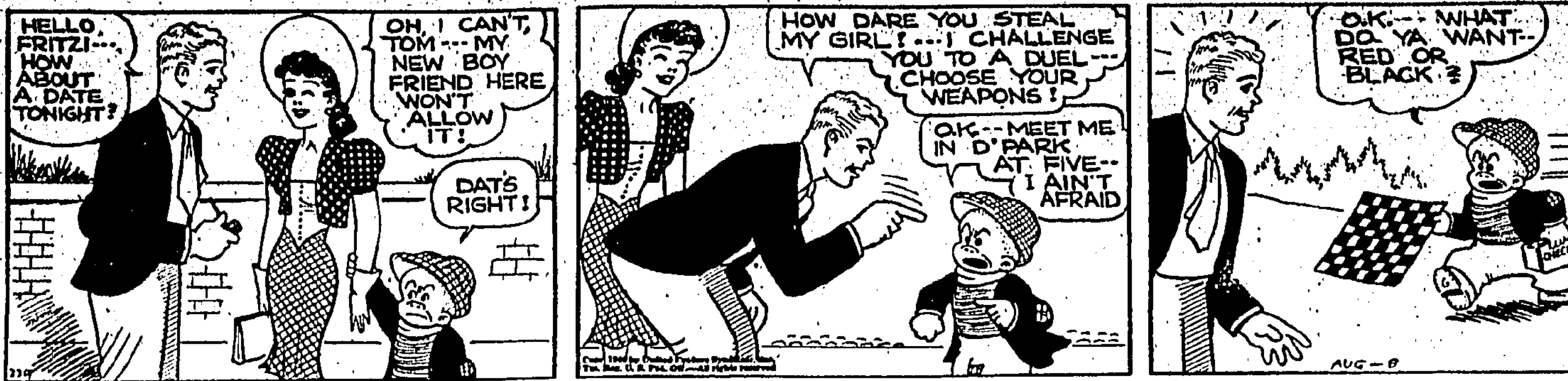
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# General Smuts Believes Britain Will Win

## "NAZIS WHO COULD NOT SUCCEED AT DUNKIRK CAN NEVER TAKE BRITAIN"

### Fled To Guernsey— And Back to Prison

WHEN a warrant was issued for the arrest of 26-year-old Louis Cohen he fled from London to the Channel Islands.

He had to return when the islands were invaded.

At the Old Bailey he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for conspiracy to evade military service.

Cohen told the court, "I made no attempt to evade the army myself, and I have since then passed A1."

Nine other men who took part in the conspiracy were also sentenced.

Men were imprisoned before medical boards by a man who suffered from heart trouble and had already been exempted.

It was stated that Cohen was connected with four cases of impersonation, and made about £100.

### 'KEY MAN' FREED Jobs Of 90 People Saved

The Home Secretary (Sir John Anderson) has ordered the release from internment of Mr. Emilio de Filippis, manager of a Colchester (Essex) silk business. "I am satisfied that his release is in the national interest," he said in Parliament.

In a question to Sir John, Mr. Oswald Lewis, Colchester M.P., said Mr. de Filippis had been in a key position for eight years, and his continued internment would mean the discharge of ninety workpeople.

SUPREME CONFIDENCE IN GREAT BRITAIN'S ULTIMATE VICTORY WAS THE KEYNOTE OF A BROADCAST TALK BY GENERAL SMUTS, THE SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER.

Many people, regarding the chances of Britain in the light of what had happened to France and other unfortunate countries, had reluctantly come to accept the German view and to look on the war as already lost, he said.

To the faint-hearted he would point out two considerations which should be carefully borne in mind in this connection.

British people were united as never before under leadership of unrivalled brilliance and courage, and the competence of their military command was not questioned among those who knew.

Here was the crux of the war situation.

"Britain is and remains the inner core of the Allied cause—the main bastion of Allied defence—the force with which the Germans have to deal before a real decision is reached. Until that force is disposed of it is futile to talk of defeat," said General Smuts.

"There is no defeat till this main force is defeated—till a mortal blow

has been struck at this heart of the Allied defence.

"The affairs of outposts do not affect this main battlefront.

"The Germans have not won the war by any means till they have overcome the main Allied force, entrenched as it is in the island fortress of Britain.

"Nothing that has happened so far in this war justifies the inference that the fate of Britain will follow that of the other countries that have been overrun. The correct inference is just the opposite.

#### Lesson Of Dunkirk

"If the German Army and Air Force together could not succeed in a supreme effort in their attack at a single point like Dunkirk, how can they fairly hope to succeed in an attack on such a huge area as Britain, where, moreover, every physical and moral factor would be vastly in favour of the defence?"

"Sea power and air power combined are the real keys to the problem of Britain's defence, and Dunkirk was a test case which showed how effective that defence is likely to be in the more favourable case of Britain itself.

"No, the cause of the Allies is far from being lost, and it will not be lost till Britain is taken. If Dunkirk has any message for us it is the heartening one that Britain will prove to be an impregnable fortress against which Germany's might will be launched in vain. If that attack fails, Hitler is lost and all Europe, aye, the whole world, is saved.

"And if Hitler does not venture to attack Britain he is equally lost. For the same combination of sea power and air power which baffled him at Dunkirk, and which would have saved Britain from invasion, would then be turned into a victorious offensive against Hitler—an offensive which in the end would throttle and strangle and bring down in ruins his vast land empire in Europe.

"For in a war of endurance the time factor must prove fatal to Hitler's plans. Under an ever tightening blockade his essential war supplies must rapidly dwindle till he can no longer hold down vast populations whom he has overrun and oppressed and starved and sought to enslave.

#### Liberation Of Europe

Dealing with the kind of peace we envisage and hope to establish at the end of the struggle, General Smuts said:

"Our vision still is the liberation of Europe from the deadly Nazi thrall and its organisation in a new creative freedom.

"Hitler is in a strong position. He is master of most of Europe, and will probably succeed in putting the rest of it also in his power or in his pocket.

"Being master of Europe he can afford to restore the semblance of freedom to his victims and to establish a system of so-called free States which will however, 'all be held together in bonds of Nazi order.

"Real freedom, personal or national, will have perished. The name of a Monroe Doctrine for this Europe will be invoked, but it will be a mere mockery and travesty of that Monroe Doctrine of America, which is a bulwark of free national self-determination for the whole continent.

"As against this spectre of Nazi-dominated Europe we oppose the vision of a truly free Europe.

"Freedom remains our sovereign remedy for the ills from which human society is suffering. We can give Europe, free Europe, for individual and for nation, free in the sense of giving full scope for personal and national self-development and self-perfection each according to his own individual lines. In that fundamental sense we continue 'on the historic trail of human progress.

### Indo-China Situation Still Tense

Government Urged  
To Resist

Hanoi, Sept. 21.  
French war veterans are urging the Indo-China Government to resist any Japanese attempt to enforce an ultimatum.

Almost all able bodied men have been mobilised in the Army ready to move at a moment's notice to any Japanese landing point. The small but efficient air force has also been mobilised.

The French authorities said they are willing to carry out the terms of the recent agreement between Vichy and Tokyo, but that they will not yield to the new expanded Japanese demands, and they will not permit the original agreement—if the Japanese finally find it acceptable—to deteriorate into a Japanese occupation of Indo-China.

The majority of people in Indo-China do not realise that the ultimatum expires at Sunday midnight. However, the departure of Major-General Nishikawa and other members of the Mission has made it clear that anything may happen any minute.

It is believed here that such a development will not alter the situation materially unless the Japanese are willing to revise their demands and accept the terms of the original agreement between Tokyo and Vichy.—United Press.

Earlier United Press reports said that Japanese military and naval authorities were prepared for forcible action. There was a concentration of three Japanese divisions at Hainan with busy departure of supply ships from Hainan to Weichow Island.

Reuter on Saturday reported that Japanese civilians who left Hanoi on Friday spent the night at Haiphong, but they had not boarded the Japanese evacuation ship.

### HELP FOR BRITAIN Willkie In Favour Of More Aid

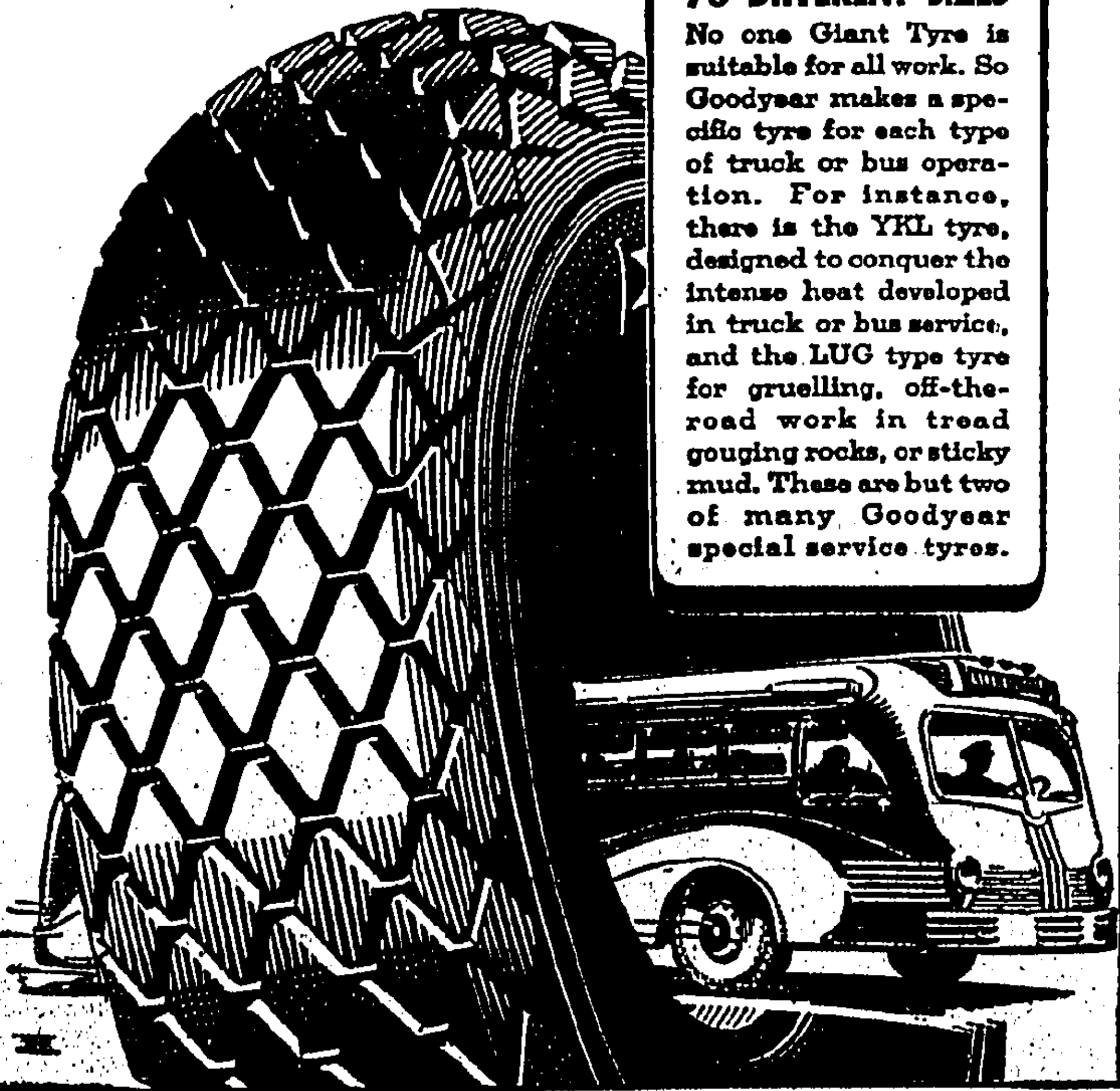
San Francisco, Sept. 21.  
"We must send and keep on sending aid to Britain, our first line of defence, and our only remaining friend," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie in his campaign speech on foreign affairs to-day. "We must aid her to the limit of prudence and effectiveness as determined by impartial experts in this field."

Mr. Willkie proceeded to make a charge that the present Administration "contributed to the downfall of Democracy and must bear the direct share of the responsibility for the present war." He said that to regard President Roosevelt as the defender of Democracy was and will be untenable. He added that America was faced with a changed world beyond her shores. If Britain stopped Germany there might be uprisings against Hitler, which would demoralise Europe. If Germany won, the United States will be "left alone to face a hostile totalitarian world. The loneliness of the United States was the direct result of the foreign policy of the last eight years. "If Britain falls we are utterly and savagely alone. No nation except Britain owes us anything but disillusionment and illwill."—Reuter.

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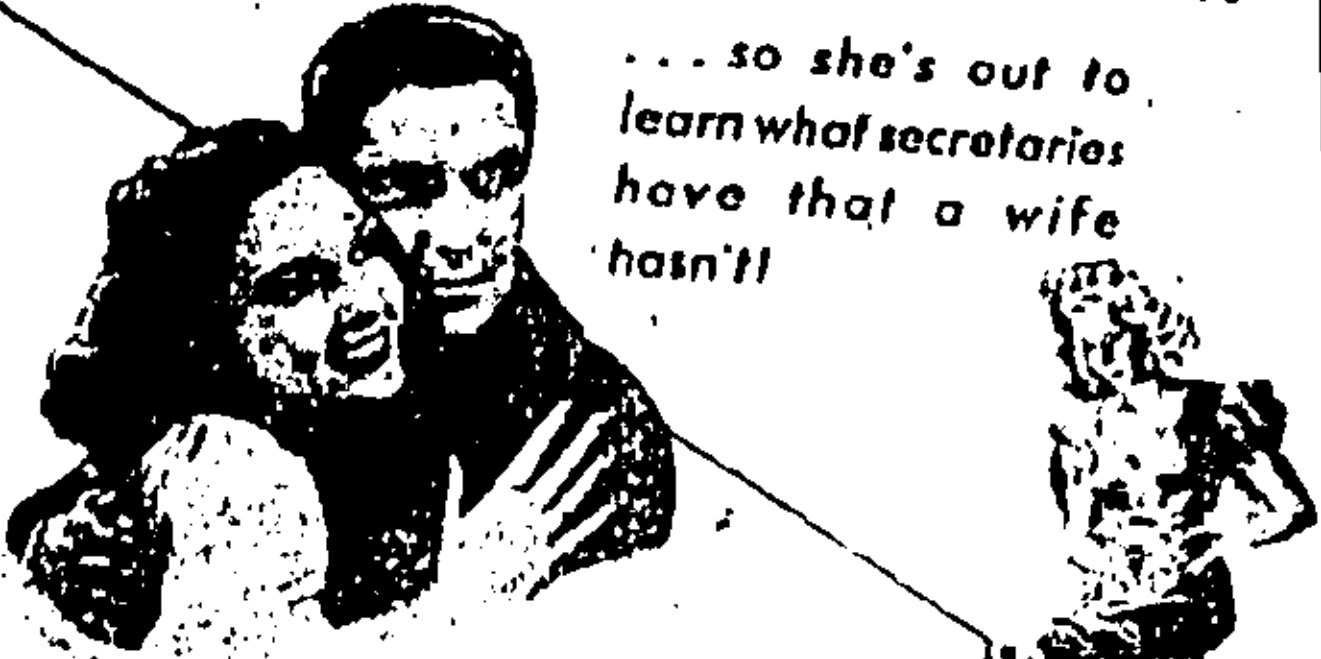


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## THE WAR AGAINST NAZIS IS HOLY CRUSADE

General Lord Gort, broadcast during the B.B.C. Sunday evening service on the anniversary of the outbreak of the last war, asked what had been at fault to bring this new catastrophe upon us.

We were responsible neither for the ambitions of the leaders of great nations who were today our enemies nor for the failure of their peoples to check their lust for domination.

But had we, the British people, been in all respect above reproach? Surely you and I are conscious that selfish and personal considerations have at times taken precedence over the higher ideals of our democratic civilisation.

In the pursuit of material gain and possessing, as so many did, a pleasant life, plenty of relaxation, and not too long hours of toil, we were apt to forget that the strength of Britain in the past has been built up on service to God, service to our country, and service to our fellow-men.

Without this conception of service no great nation can endure. Neglecting our religious obligations and in the pursuit of pleasure we filled the roads but deserted the churches.

**Religious Base**  
Unless a country based its life on religious faith it could not endure. And to-day it was evident that we were engaged not solely in a fight for democracy but over and above that in a crusade for the maintenance of those religious principles which we were taught as children by our fathers.

"The Nazis, too, have a kind of religion," said Lord Gort. "But it is a Godless religion based on material power and it lacks a moral basis. It is wholly ruthless in conception and admits that it achieves temporary advantages, but it kills the souls of the people, of the very soldiers on whom their victory ultimately depends."

"We the Nazi creed to triumph the four characteristics of the soul of Britain, our religious faith, our love of freedom, our sense of tolerance, and our respect for individual rights, would all perish. Our goal is to ensure that these ideals shall survive."

**Ready For Sacrifice**  
Lord Gort continued: "From what I have seen during the past months I know the younger generation are in fulfilment of duty and are ready to sacrifice all for the great cause for which we are fighting."

Asking whether those who had fallen in the last war and in the present war had given their lives in vain, Lord Gort said he found comfort in the words of Abraham Lincoln: "We were highly resolved that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

"If the lamps of freedom have been extinguished by Nazi Germany and by Fascist Italy it is by the inspiration of the sacrifice of our old comrades that we shall relight them. And yet we may be thankful that they have been spared the sight of horrors far greater than those we witnessed in 1914."

To what purpose was all this sacrifice of total war inflicted? To impose by force an abhorrent creed on free peoples and to satisfy the lust for domination of one man to whom the text "Love thy neighbour as thyself" is meaningless.

Lord Gort concluded: "Strong, therefore, in the support of our faith and of that armour of God which St. Paul speaks in the lesson we have just heard, we dedicate ourselves anew to this crusade, which shall rid the world of a scourge in this spirit let us all go forward together."

## LATE NEWS

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	415
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	105
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	44 1/2
T.T. Batavia	41 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	90 1/2
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	98
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23 1/4
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.64

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,305 n.
H.K. Bank	67 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K.)	72 n.
Chartered	6 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A & B	27 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C	11 n.
East Asia	72 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	200 s.
Union	400 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	150 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	120 n.
Steamships	11 n.
Indo-China	100 n.
Indo-China D	80 n.
Shell (Bentley)	35/72 1/2
Waterfronts	6 1/2 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	92 n.
Docks (old)	10 1/2 n.
Docks (new)	10 1/2 n.
Prudential	4 1/2 n.
Shai Dockyards	33 n.
MINING	
Kailan	15 n.
H.K. Mines	9 1/2 n.
LANDS	
H.K. Lands	3 1/2 n.
Land	31 1/2/40 n.
Lands 4 1/2 Debentures	12 n.
Shai Lands Sh	12 n.
Humphreys	7 1/2 n.
Shai Lands	3 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities	10 1/2 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	10 s.
Peak Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	59 b.
Y. Ferries	21 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	7 1/2 n.
China Lights (new)	38 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric (old)	37 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	37 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 n.
Macao Electric (new)	16 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 n.
Telephones (old)	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	9 1/2 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macao (Ord.) Sh.	14 1/2 n.
Cald: Macao (Pref.) Sh.	12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	16 b.
H.K. Ropes	5 1/2 b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	18 1/2 s.
Watsons	8 1/2 b.
Lane Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	41 n.
Shai Cotton	102 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2%	99 s.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	85 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	85 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSDBs	36 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments	1 1/2 n.
Constructions (old)	1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Pilling	8 s.
Maramans Inv. (Lon.)	6/9 n.
Maramans Inv. (H.K.)	4/7 n.

## DRAMATIC STORIES

FROM PAGE ONE

before being picked up by a boat from another vessel.

### Child's Experience

Sonia Reoch, 11 years old, of Bognor Regis, and her nine-year-old brother Derek were among the rescued children. They showed little trace of the terrible ordeal when interviewed in a hotel at the port where they landed.

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## INDO-CHINA INVASION

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bers of his staff had gone to an aeroplane to give final instructions to the embassy he was sending by air to the commander of the Japanese Army that had crossed the border in the north.

It is not yet clear how big the operations were at Donghing as the French communiqué merely spoke of Japanese "crossing the border" and of the French offering "stiff resistance."

It is expected, however, that the matter will soon be cleared up. Probably a joint Franco-Japanese communiqué will be issued on the subject later to-day.

## New Blow To Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (Domt).—Another severe blow to the Japanese has been dealt by the decree that fishing activities in Mexican waters by all excepting members of the Mexican Fishermen's Union has been banned.

According to the New York "Times" a report from Mexico City says that the presidential decree was American-sponsored.

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## JAPANESE COMMENCE 'PEACEFUL' INVASION OF FRENCH COLONY

### Governor General's Proclamation Seeks Support Of Citizens

Special to the "Telegraph"

JAPANESE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN TOKYO ANNOUNCE THAT THE JAPANESE TROOPS BEGAN TO LAND IN INDO-CHINA AT 4.30 P.M. YESTERDAY. Approximately six thousand Japanese troops will garrison Haiphong. Airports will be set up in Tongking Province.

An official French communique states that the agreement reached yesterday is in accordance with the principles of the Vichy-Tokyo Pact.

The agreement was signed at 3 p.m. yesterday.

Admiral Decoux, the Governor General, has issued a proclamation, stating that the agreement conforms with a "realistic policy."

He asked all citizens of French Indo China to show "comprehension, a calm spirit and discipline."

"Japan has agreed to recognise the integrity of Indo China," the proclamation adds. "French sovereignty will also be respected."

"General Maurice Martin, Commander-in-Chief of the French Army, is supporting the agreement."

The "peaceful march" into northern Indo-China by Japanese Army and Naval forces is also announced in a communique issued by the Army Department of the Japanese General Headquarters at 11 o'clock this morning.

The communique reads: "In accordance with the understandings reached between the Japanese and the French Governments on August 25 and August 30, negotiations have been conducted since the beginning of September regarding military questions between the Japanese and French authorities on the spot."

"An agreement was concluded at 4.30 o'clock on the afternoon of September 22 (Tokyo time) and in accordance with this agreement units of the Japanese Army and Navy today commenced peaceful marching into the northern part of French Indo-China."

"It appears that some dispute occurred locally while the Japanese forces are crossing the border but it is expected that the marching will be completed without great difficulties in future."

**Foreign Office Statement**  
Meanwhile, the Foreign Office issued the following statement regarding the Franco-Japanese agreement at 11 o'clock this morning:

"With a view to contributing towards the settlement of the China Affair and the construction of a new order in East Asia, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, during August, conducted basic conversations in a friendly spirit with M. Arsene Henri, the French Ambassador to Tokyo."

"During the conversations, the French side fully consented to the grant of such military facilities in Indo-China as the Japanese Army and Navy deem necessary for an effective prosecution of the China Affair."

"In accordance with the basic understanding, negotiations have been conducted between the Japanese"

**LATEST**

### 2 1/2-HOUR RAID ON BERLIN

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
BERLIN, Sept. 23 (Domei).—The Royal Air Force in the early hours of this morning carried out a two-hour twenty-minute raid on the heart of Berlin.

Diving below the curtain of anti-aircraft fire, the British raiders rained bombs over the centre of the city. The extent of the damage is not yet known.

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### PACIFIC AGREEMENT Hongkong Included Says Vichy

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
VICHY, Sept. 22, (Domei).—The French Foreign Office spokesman, quoting information said to have emanated from British sources, officially stated this afternoon that an understanding has apparently been reached between Britain and the United States respecting the Pacific.

The spokesman declares that Britain and the United States have reached an agreement regarding the joint use of British and American naval bases in the Pacific.

The spokesman specifically mentioned Hongkong and Singapore.

**U.S. Warship For Singapore?**  
**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
TSINGTAO, Sept. 22 (UP).—It is rumoured that the U.S.S. Augusta, flagship of the U.S. Far Eastern Squadron, will visit the Singapore Base early in October to obtain repairs which are not available anywhere else in the Far East.

It is recalled that the Augusta was damaged off Manila some time ago. The repairs she then underwent were not satisfactory.

The balance of the Asiatic Fleet sailed at 8 a.m. to-day for Manila.

### Kidnapped American Baby Is Rescued

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELLSBOROUGH, Calif. Sept. 22 (UP).—Marc de Tristan, the three year old son of Count Marc de Tristan, has been rescued from his kidnappers under dramatic circumstances.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation confirms that the child is safe and that the kidnapper has confessed.

The kidnapper has been identified as Wilhelm Jacob Muehlenbroich. He is an alien German who entered the United States in 1935.

The rescue was effected by two of the great posse of hunters who commenced a man-hunt for the child yesterday.

**Kidnapper Detained**  
Kidnapper and child were found in the mother lode country near Placerville. The kidnapper is under guard.

The baby gurgled happily and asked for "mumsie" when he was rescued. Immediately the child was

### Indo-China Invasion Was All A Mistake

Agreement Reported Signed

JAPANESE TROOPS HAVE INVADED FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

An urgent "United Press" message, received from Hanoi at 8.45 a.m. stated that Japanese troops crossed the border at 10 p.m., two hours before the ultimatum expired.

Apparently the invasion was an isolated incident and was carried out by the militant South China forces despatched to the border from Canton without the authority of the Japanese Government or Japanese High Command.

The Japanese entered French territory near Dongdang, where they attacked a French blockhouse.

An official French communique stated that the French troops fully resisted the attack. After two hours fighting the Japanese forces withdrew.

The communique expressed the belief that the Japanese would resume the attack at dawn.

But at 4 a.m. it was announced that an agreement had been signed and that fighting had been suspended for the time being.

The French authorities declare that the attack was made in violation of a Franco-Japanese agreement which was signed in Hanoi yesterday afternoon. This agreement gave the Japanese certain military facilities, including airfields, in Indo-China.

### R.A.F. PLASTER CHANNEL PORTS

Great Fires Raging

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE CONTINUED TO PLASTER THE GERMAN BARGE CONCENTRATIONS ALONG THE FRENCH, BELGIAN AND DUTCH COASTS LAST NIGHT. SAYS "UNITED PRESS."

Great fires are raging along a wide area, completely obscuring the Channel area.

The British attacks have been almost constant since the beginning of the week end.

**Attacks on London**

German attacks on London were resumed.

There was a fierce dog-fight over the northern outskirts of the city during yesterday afternoon's second air raid. Four bombs fell on a south-east London district.

Eleven bombs fell on a hospital in central London. Over twenty bombs fell on towns and villages in south-east England. A number of the villages were bombed at random.

In yesterday afternoon's attacks on London, the German raiders "cloud hopped" in an effort to dodge the fierce anti-aircraft barrage.

A few "Molotov bread-baskets" were scattered for the first hour of last night's attack.

The Germans appear to be using a new weapon. On several occasions a sulphurous yellow glow has filled the sky, the light lasting longer than any shell-burst but for a far less time than the usual flares.

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### U-Boat Strikes At Vessel Carrying 90 Children To Canada

## Evacuee Ship Torpedoed: Feared Death Toll is 300

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Sept. 22, (UP).—A British refugee ship has been torpedoed and sunk with the loss of 300 lives.

The vessel was struck at 10 o'clock at night in a gale and heavy seas and sank within half an hour.

Many of the survivors died in life-boats during their 20 hours' wait for rescuers.

The ship originally carried a crew of 225 and 191 passengers.

The name of the vessel nor the date of the sinking are mentioned in the official report.

**90 Children Aboard**

"Reuter" adds that 90 children and nine escorts going to Canada under the Overseas Reception Evacuation Scheme were on board.

It is feared that 83 children and seven escorts have been lost.

A warship brought seven children to a northern port.

Altogether it is believed that 294 lives have been lost.

The children embarked at a west coast port during the second week of September and were well on their way to their new wartime home when the ship was struck.

**Every Precaution**

As with the evacuee ship which was torpedoed late in August on a similar voyage, when the whole company of 320 children was saved and unharmed, the precautions taken by the Board were on a scale which has made it possible to transport overseas nearly 3,000 children without hitherto a single casualty.

For every 15 children there was a skilled and experienced escort in addition to a doctor and nurse.

The complement of the ship was so calculated that for every child there was one adult passenger aboard.

Tragic circumstances defeated all precautions.

A number of children are believed killed by the explosion.

There was a terribly heavy sea which swamped many boats and defeated gallant efforts at rescue.

**"Dead Will Shock World"**  
Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, who met the warship bringing survivors, has issued the following statement: "It is full of horror and indignation."

### BABIES DIED IN MOTHERS' ARMS

Waves Swamped Lifeboats

Special to the "Telegraph"

AT A NORTHERN PORT, Sept. 22 (UP).—Survivors landed to-night after a most harrowing sea adventure told a story of the quick destruction of their ship after the U-boat attack.

Many of the victims, they said, suffered a lingering death. The tragedy parallels the worst maritime disasters in history, reports William J. Cumming, "United Press" correspondent.

"Survivors whom I interviewed," he said, "told me of babies floating in the sea and of dead children held silently by survivors in order that their mothers would not know that they were beyond rescue."

Many of the children came from London and Middlesex.

Mr. A. Schules, a well-known publisher who was en route to New York, said:

"I managed to get aboard a life-boat in which there were six Lascars, a mother with her baby, and a boy aged fourteen years."

"All died from exposure."

"I had to take the baby into my lap in order to prevent the mother from becoming completely hysterical. I pretended the baby was alive—I even pretended to feed it with a bottle the mother carried. The infant was dead."

**Waves Swamped Boats**  
The ship was torpedoed six hundred miles from land.

Rudolf Olden, editor of the "Berliner Tageblatt," before Hitler came into power, was drowned with his wife in his arms.

Dr. Gullinsky, the newly-appointed Polish Charge d'Affaires to Washington, was also on board.

### 3 Dictators May Meet

Franco Included

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Sept. 22, (Domei).—The three European dictators—Hitler, Mussolini and Franco, will shortly meet at a conference to discuss totalitarian strategy during the forthcoming winter, according to well-informed quarters.

The conference will follow the Rome talks between Ribbentrop and Mussolini.

He left in an armoured train.

"United Press quotes well-informed Rome quarters," as declaring that Spain will enter the war shortly and will concentrate on an attack on Gibraltar.

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ton, came down a rope ladder into a life-boat which, a few seconds later, capsized after swamping. He was drowned.

When they arrived at a northern English port most of the survivors were wearing pyjamas or scanty underclothes.

They drifted helplessly for two days before they were picked up by a British warship. Many needed medical care.

Mr. W. B. Forsyth, of London, said: "It was the most dramatic experience I have ever undergone."

"Huge waves swamped some of the boats as they were lowered into the water, and most of their occupants were drowned."

"The launching of the lifeboats was hampered by the pitch darkness. The behaviour of the crew and passengers was magnificent."

Only Seven Children Saved

It is revealed that the ship was en route to Canada when she was torpedoed. Of the 406 passengers (including 98 children) aboard, 102 were rescued. There were only 13 children among those rescued.

Only seven of the 88 children in the official evacuation party were rescued. Seven adult escorts were also lost. The six unofficial evacuee children were all saved.

Among the missing is Colonel J. Baldwin-Webb, M.P., for Wrexham. The Commander of the ship went down on this day.

One survivor told me: "Of the 32 who got away from the ship in our lifeboat, 24 died of exposure. We had to bury them at sea. I mumbled what bits of the burial service I could remember as we consigned their bodies to the deep."

Clung To Keel

Another survivor said: "Our life-boat overturned. Eight of us managed to clamber on to the keel, where we grimly held on despite the seas and bitter cold."

"But, one by one, the others dropped off and were swept away. Finally, I was the only one left. I had almost given up hope when I was picked up."

By Several Survivors

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. W. B. Forsyth, of London, a passenger aboard the liner, in an interview, said:

"We had no warning before the attack. The ship was so badly holed that she listed heavily and almost immediately began to sink. We had 20 minutes to get the lifeboats lowered and away."

"Casualties occurred practically at the start. Darkness added to the difficulties."

"The passengers behaved magnificently, particularly the women and children. The little mites obeyed every instruction."

Awful Tossing

"We had an awful tossing. Heavy waves nearly swamped us. Hail and rain followed."

"How our boat remained afloat, I don't know. Two children died on the rescuing warship."

Mrs. Margaret Hudson, of Bradford, said: "I was sitting with my husband and another woman when there was a terrific crash and the whole ship shuddered."

"The passengers were told to muster in the lounge until the evacuee children had been put aboard the lifeboats. The children had been so happy aboard, looking forward to their new homes in Canada, and when the alarm came they behaved wonderfully."

"My husband helped me over the side and I got down a rope thinking that I was going into a life-boat but the boat was some distance away and another girl and I swam towards it."

"I did not see my husband again but I still hope he may have been picked up by a warship."

"I don't know how many died in our boats, but I was surprised how quickly the young men passed out."

Warship On Scene

"I was just about to throw up when I saw a warship circling round looking for boats. For a time I thought it had not seen us. Then someone put up a piece of cloth on an oar and the naval men came and took us aboard."

Miss Doris Waller said she was aboard because she had missed an

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# Bangkok Demands Territorial Concessions THAILAND TO ABROGATE NON-AGGRESSION PACT

Special to the "Telegraph"

THE PREMIER OF THAILAND, LUANG BIPUL SONGRAM, ADDRESSING THE CLOSING OF THE SIAMESE PARLIAMENT ON SATURDAY, ANNOUNCED THAT THAILAND INTENDED TO ABROGATE THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH FRANCE UNLESS VICHY ACCEDDED TO THAI'S TERRITORIAL DEMANDS PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 13. THE PACT WAS CONCLUDED ON JUNE 12.

The Premier pointed out that the treaties of friendship signed with Japan and Britain at the same date have already been ratified but similar action on the pact with France has been withheld because of the changes in the international situation.

Declaring, "French rejection of our just demands is most regrettable in view of the friendly relations between the two countries," the Premier stated that Thailand would not hesitate to denounce the treaty with France unless Vichy reconsidered, says a Domei message.

## Italy's Eyes On Syria

New Diplomatic Moves

ISTANBUL, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The close attention with which the constant reinforcement of the Italian Mission in Syria is being followed here has been further increased by the arrival of another group of nine Italians en route to join the Armistice Commission at Beyrouth.

Their passage has aroused more interest in view of reports here of Italy's covetous designs on Syria.

Passengers arriving from Iraq via Syria state that the Italians are working very cautiously owing to their fear of an uprising by the Syrians and even by all Arabs whose animosity towards Italy is reported to be increasing steadily.

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## Beaverbrook Appeals For More Munitions

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has made a call to aircraft workers for increased production.

Lord Beaverbrook has issued the following statement: "It is imperative that there should be a considerable increase in output in the coming week for the testing time may come upon us very shortly."

"It is the duty of aircraft factories to supply the men at the fighting front with all the aircraft they require."

"Men and women of the aircraft industry up and down the country have promised that they would fulfil the needs of the R.A.F. That pledge had been made good in the past. We will not fall the pilots in the days to come."

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It is possible, however, the paper continues, that some sections of the populace are not of this opinion but they must be looked not only among the main people but among certain narrow circles.

It is difficult to say just how narrow these circles are, but it is interesting to have an assurance of Mussolini's own paper that they exist.

## SPANISH SHIP TORPEDOED

GIBRALTAR, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The torpedoing of a Spanish trawler, Almirante Carranza, is announced by the naval authorities here.

The statement says that "it is almost certain" that an Italian submarine was responsible.

The attack occurred in the early hours of last Thursday off Cape Vilano, in north-west Spain.

The statement adds: "The crew, except one, were lost. The survivor, when he landed, said that they probably mistook the Almirante Carranza for a British patrol vessel."

DOMINION WAR LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED

OTTAWA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Finance Department announced that the second \$300,000,000 Dominion war loan has been heavily over-subscribed.

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## Spain And The European War

"Absurd Report"

MADRID, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—An official Spanish news agency despatch from Rome said that the reports that Spain would enter the war besides the Axis are "absurd."

However, the agency added that it was evident that Spain's position in Europe was not that of a mere spectator.

## EVACUEE SHIP TORPEDOED

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tion that any German submarine captain could be found to torpedo a ship over 600 miles from land in a tempestuous sea.

"Conditions were such that there was little chance for the passengers, whether adult or children, to survive."

"This deed will shock the world. It is another example of the barbarous methods of warfare associated with Nazi Germany and it is only comparable with their present brutal indiscriminate bombing of women and children of London."

The children, who practically all came from state-aided schools, were drawn almost entirely from vulnerable areas in and around London.

INDO-CHINA INVASION

FROM PAGE ONE

It was immediately thought that the "balloon had gone up."

Nishihara's Instructions

At the same time it was learned that General Nishihara, on a member of his staff had gone to an aeroplane to give final instructions to the emissary he was sending by air to the commander of the Japanese Army that had crossed the border in the north.

It is not yet clear how big the operations were. Douglis as the French communique merely spoke of Japanese "crossing the border" and of the French offering "stiff resistance."

It is expected, however, that the matter will soon be cleared up. Probably a joint Franco-Japanese communique will be issued on the subject later to-day.

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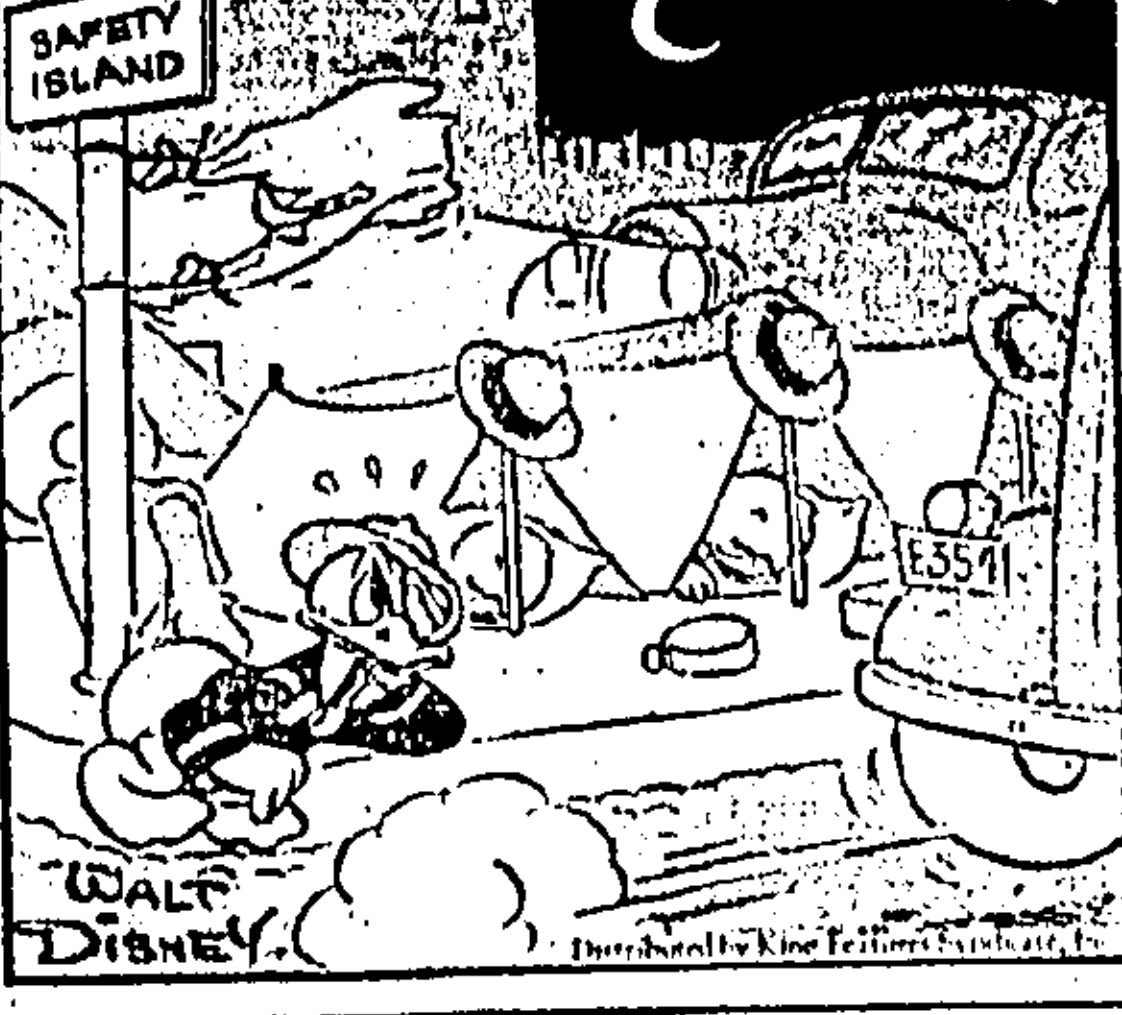
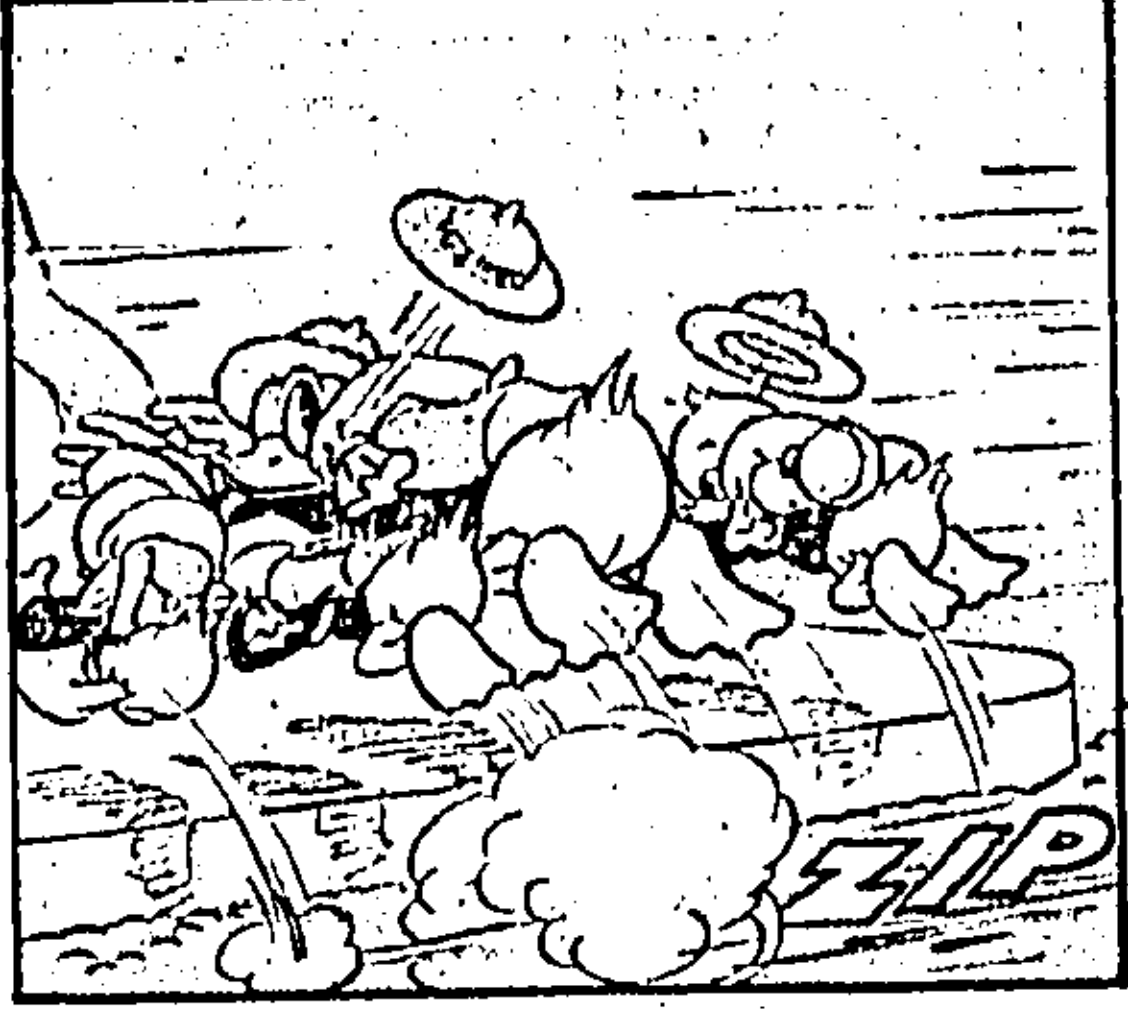
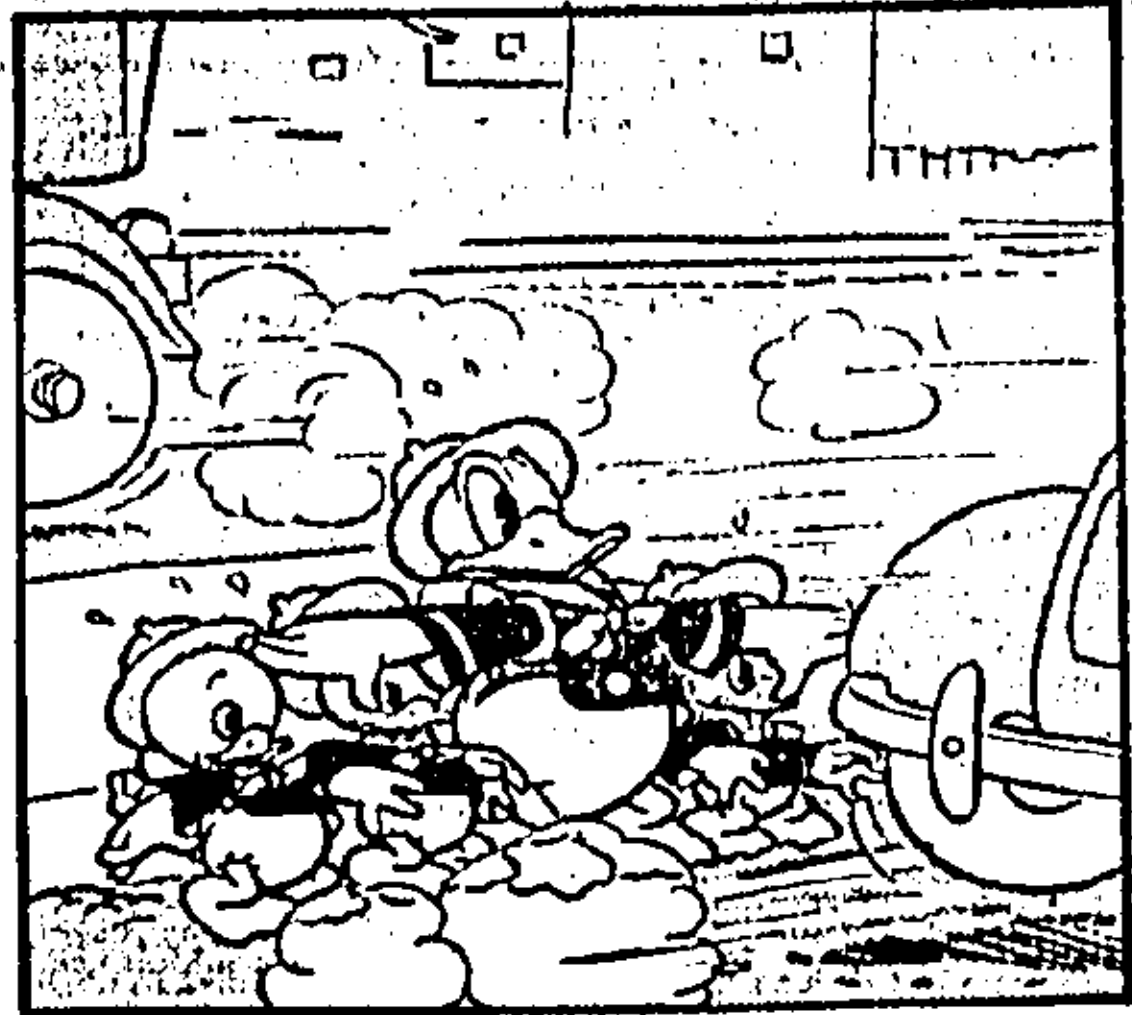
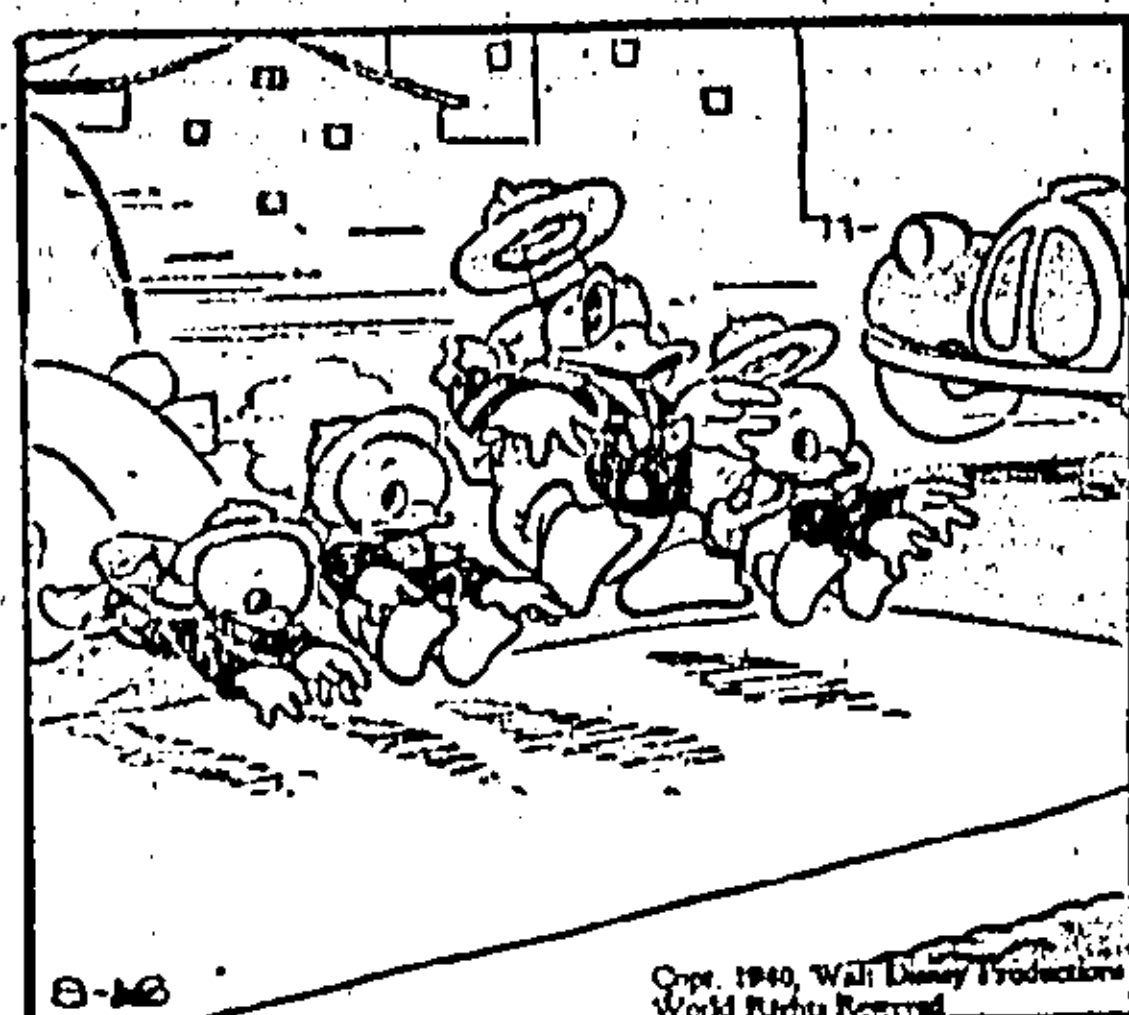
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## MAGAZINE PAGE

## SCIENCE IN WAR

Germany has mobilised her scientific resources for conquest. How does Britain stand in this regard? Book reviewed here, which has been compiled by a group of British scientists, states the problems and gives the answers.

WE live in a technological world, which means a world made possible by scientific discovery. If we do not make full use of science and the techniques and mechanisms that it makes available, we shall not make the fullest success out of whatever we undertake.

Science and scientific method (besides being pure know-

lished by Penguin Books Ltd., is that we have lagged badly behind the Germans in realising the importance, or rather the necessity, of exploiting scientific technique to the uttermost in modern war, and that we cannot hope to win unless we speedily take steps to repair our error.

HOW many people know that a German professor called Haber enabled Germany to

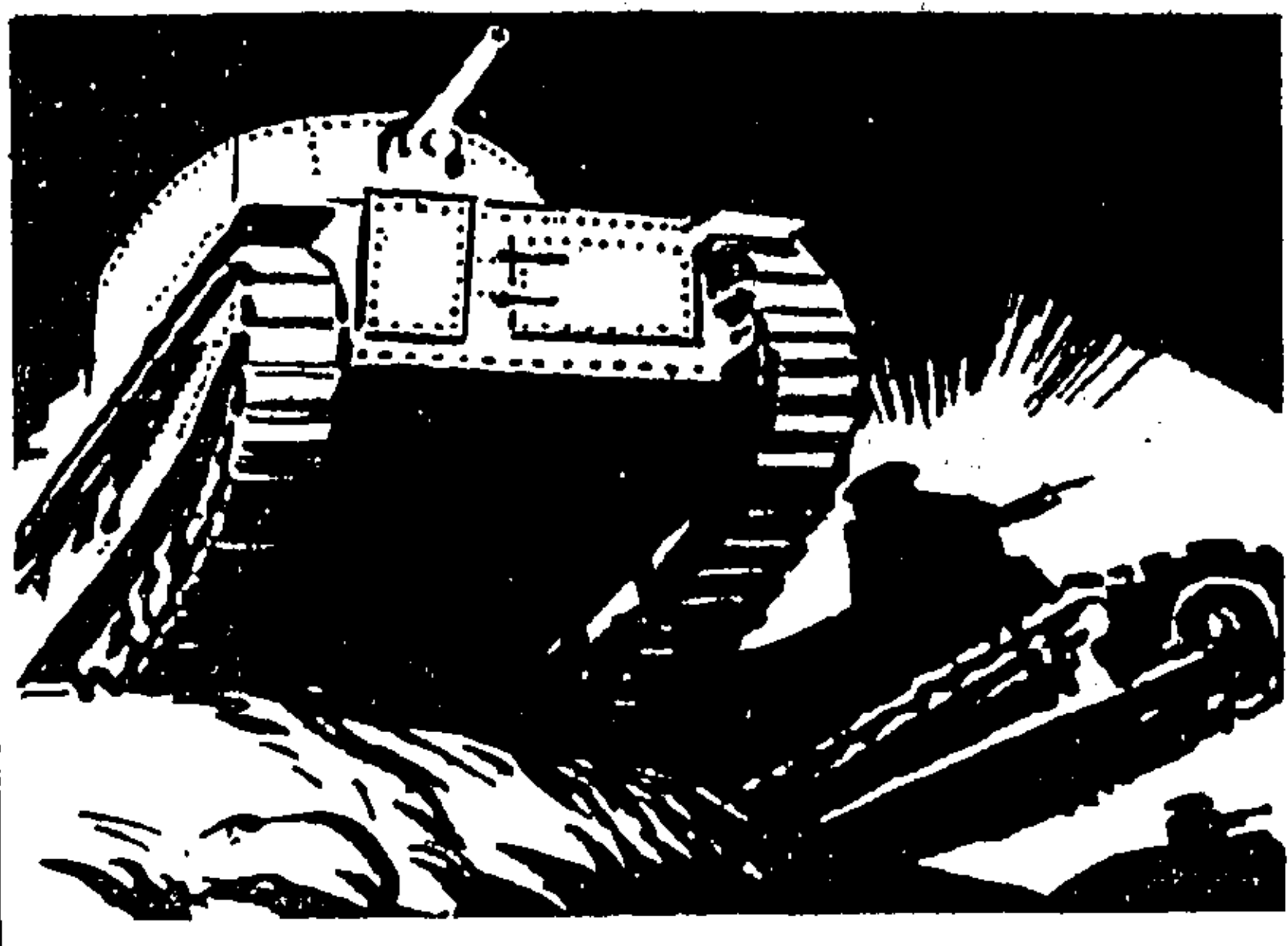
By Professor  
JULIAN HUXLEY

ledge) constitute an instrument for acquiring control of the world. It is only an instrument and thus can be used for ends that are good, bad, or indifferent. But it is also the only instrument for securing efficient control of the forces which surround us.

The main thesis of "Science in War," a volume just pub-

lished for four years in the last war? Without his discovery of how to make nitrates from the nitrogen of the air, Germany would have had neither enough explosives nor fertilisers for more than two or at most three years.

And one example from this war. The magnetic mine seemed to constitute a major threat to our shipping. But



within a few weeks of the first dismantlement of an exploded mine, science had not only discovered but applied methods for making steel ships as safe from the new menace as wooden ones.

What of the present and the future? The authors of this book claim not only that the Germans have been much more scientific than we in developing the tank (a British invention) and the strategy of tank-warfare—which is fairly evident—but that scientific imagination, drawing on the experience of the Spanish War, could by now have solved the problem of anti-tank measures.

THEY assert that the failures of our and the French anti-tank guns could have been prophesied, and that without doubt the solution seems to be in the liberal use of high explosives, probably in large grenades.

Food is one of the major problems of modern war.

Here, too, Germany is being more scientific than we, for instance, in issuing vitamin supplements to all children. Our authors maintain that for less than £2,000,000 a year every man, woman and child in this country could be provided with a "vitamin biscuit"

containing enough of the ten important minerals to maintain health even if the rest of the diet were grossly deficient in protective foodstuffs.

In general, the nation's food policy in this war has not been a scientific one. That does not mean that scientists have not been consulted or that scientific ideas have played no part; but policy as a whole has been a compromise between the ideas of the scientists, tradition, the views of the National Farmers' Union, and various vested interests. If it had been radically scientific, it would have posed the problem in straightforward terms—first, how will it be possible to ensure to every human being in Britain a diet up to the standard which modern physiology has discovered to be necessary for full energy? Secondly, how can we economise to the maximum extent (consonant with our foreign economic policy) on shipping space needed for imported food? If the Government had thought along these lines, we should by now have had a very different result, both in the pattern of our agriculture and the average diet of the people.

Here are a few of the other topics which the book raises. This war is producing new types of wounds. Science is beginning to think out new ways of treating and prevent-

ing them; but the efforts are haphazard and fragmentary, not co-ordinated on a large scale.

New and rapid miniature methods enable X-ray photographs to be taken for a few pence instead of nearly as many shillings. By utilising these methods, all recruits both for the services and for industry could be X-rayed, and so early diagnosis of tuberculosis (and other diseases) obtained. This would make not only for increased war efficiency, but better national health in the future.

Camouflage depends on perfectly definite principles, which have been very thoroughly studied by biologists and physiologists. Yet, policy and execution have been left almost entirely in the hands of civil servants and artists, with, it appears, some not very satisfactory results.

Each of these particular criticisms is serious enough. But behind them is something more serious because more general—an unwillingness to think in scientific terms, a resistance to new ideas, a failure to apply scientific method in the radical and thoroughgoing way which is necessary. There are exceptions. For instance, science seems to be used admirably and fully in all branches of aviation.

But a great many scientists are not being employed at all for war purposes, and most of the rest are merely used in advisory committees. This means that their job is to answer questions that are put to them; whereas any research worker knows that the first and in some ways most important business of science is to suggest new questions. The background of our Civil Service is literary and historical, and its methods are on the whole critical and designed to minimise the risk of making mistakes instead of scientific and designed to achieve results.

THE military mind is still in large measure traditional instead of experimental. In general there is an unconscious resistance, sometimes in the highest quarters, to the idea that science can be useful in purely human subjects like propaganda or morale, and to the use of scientific method in the general planning of the national effort.

But it is no longer possible to succeed by merely relying on tradition. For better or worse, the world to-day is a technological world, and that means that the war can only be won by the utmost possible utilisation of science. We have splendid scientific resources. It is urgently necessary that they be fully mobilised and used in the right ways and the right places.

## GERMANY'S ACHILLES HEEL

HOW much oil does Hitler's Europe need? Germany herself, including Austria, Czechoslovakia and occupied Poland, normally requires about eight million tons per annum. France's requirements amount to about seven million tons, while Italy needs some 3½ million tons annually. Among the smaller countries Rumania normally consumes 1.9 million tons, Holland 1.6 millions, Sweden 1.2 millions, Denmark 0.9 million and Belgium 0.7 million.

Allowing for the needs of the rest of Europe (excluding Spain, Portugal and Turkey), the total quantity of oil needed by Hitler's Europe adds up to no less than 27½ million tons per annum.

Consumption can, of course be reduced without any harmful effect on production and trade by the limitation of private motoring and by rigorous economy in other uses. Further in view of the reduction in shipping movements due to the British blockade, the quantity of oil needed for bunkering purposes will be below normal. It is very unlikely, however, that Europe's consumption can be cut below about 18 million tons per annum without crippling trade and inland transport.

How far can Hitler meet these needs from Continental European sources? On the most favourable assumptions Greater Germany may be able to produce about 5 million tons per annum; this figure includes crude oil as well as oil produced from coal and by other methods. In the present year, however, the German output may not reach this figure.

France, Albania, Hungary and Estonia can add somewhat more than one million tons annually.

Much the most important source of supply, however, is Rumania. That country is now producing at the rate of rather more than 6 million tons per annum.

But even if none of the Rumanian oil were allowed to leave Europe and even if all of it could be transported to Central, Western and Northern Europe, the Nazis could not secure more than about 12 million tons per annum in the most favourable circumstances, leaving a deficiency of 6 million tons.

Indeed, unless Germany can obtain access to additional sources of supply, Europe as a whole will be desperately short of oil, and its industries and transport will be crippled. The stocks secured in France and the Low Countries can at best postpone the difficulties for a few months.

Where is Germany likely to look for additional supplies? Russia now produces at the rate of about 30 million tons per annum, and a large proportion of her oilfields are located in Southern Russia, with pipelines leading into the Black Sea. But Russia has virtually nothing to spare.

Iraq can supply about four million tons per annum by way of the pipelines leading to the Mediterranean through Syria and Palestine.

Iran, which is even less accessible, can produce more than ten million tons annually.

But although the French Government of Syria has now apparently fallen in with the Petain regime, the British Navy should be able to prevent shipments from that source to Europe.

How will Hitler attempt to solve this problem? If access to the Near East across the Dardanelles is barred by the danger of a conflict with Turkey and Russia, and if he is prevented from reaching his objective by sea by the British Navy, the only other—but by no means unguarded—route open to him is along the coast of North Africa, across the Suez Canal.

WALTER HILL



Even fifty years ago Germany was thinking in terms of balloonist troops. A German engineer named George Rodek was the inventor of this saddle-balloon. A saddle with stirrups took the place of the ordinary balloon car. Around him were suspended various instruments including a grappling iron fixed to the belt at his back, and sandbags securely within his reach. A powerful incandescent searchlight was turned on at will by a string held in his hand. That was before the invention of anti-aircraft gun.

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Sea Shanties by John Goss and Quartet.

1.14 Hand of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Florodora"—Selection (Stuart);

Musical Moments—(Arr. by Aubrey Winter).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 p.m. Brahms—Quintet in F Minor Op. 34—Rudolph Serkin, (Piano) and the Busch Quartet.

6.40 Four Brahms Songs.

Ein Sonnett, Sonning, Kipnis (Bass), Sophie, Ode, The May Night, Olagewyska (Contralto).

6.50 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.52 A Light Orchestral Concert with Richard Crooka.

7.20 Terence Casey at the Organ.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 "This Week's Programmes."

8.07 Studio—A Saxophone Recital by L. Palapo.

8.27 Two Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone).

Wings (Leslie Smith), A Song Doesn't Care (Smith).

8.34 Dance Music.

9.00 London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.

9.45 A Scottish Programme.

An Eriskey Love Lilt (from Songs of the Hebrides), Herding Song (from Songs of the North), Joseph Hissop, The Haymakers, Triumph, Scottish Country Dance Orchestra; Deirdre's Farewell to Scotland (Songs of the Hebrides), Tam Glen (arr. Burnett), Jean Day (Soprano); Skye Eightsome Reel, Scottish Country Dance Orchestra; Bonnie Wee Thine (Fox), MacGregor's Gathering (Kahn), Joseph Hissop.

10.15 A Variety Programme.

11.0 Close down.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday says:

The firm tone at yesterday's close was carried into to-day's short morning session, with business resulting in higher rates for Lands and Trams.

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,300
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$190
Providents	\$4.40
Trams	\$15.85
Star Ferries	\$59
Yau-mat Ferries	\$21.50
Lights (old)	\$0.95
Lights (new)	\$4
Electricity (old)	\$38.10
Electricity (new)	\$37.75
Telephones (old)	\$24
Ropes	\$5.50
Dairy Farms	\$18.50
Watsons	\$8.80
Entertainments	\$6.60

Sellers	
Canton Ins.	\$200
Hotels	\$3.00
Trams	\$10
Lights (old)	\$7.15
Telephones (old)	\$24.50
Dairy Farms	\$19

Sales	
H.K. Govt.	4% Loan 99;
Union Ins.	\$405
Providents	\$4.45
Lands	\$31.25
Trams	\$15.90
Telephones (old)	\$24.25

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FURTHER DONATIONS TO THE BRITISH BOMBER FUND

A total of \$1,343,207.51 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the B. C. M. Port, Ltd.

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# ITALY MAKING FRANTIC EFFORTS TO KEEP EGYPT OUT OF THE WAR

## Il Duce's Newspaper Appeal To Farouk

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—The authoritative morning newspaper *Messaggero* to-day published a front-page open letter addressed to King Farouk of Egypt asking him to explain the Egyptian attitude towards Italy and to assume responsibility for a definite stand for or against England.

The newspaper declares that to assure peace, King Farouk should demonstrate that there has been a break in the solidarity between him and England.

### Cairo Resignations

A Cairo message says that all four Saadist Cabinet Ministers who favour an immediate declaration of war by Egypt against Italy have resigned. The Cabinet crisis has, however, been overcome by a general reshuffle. The Cabinet is now composed solely of independent Constitutional Liberals and numbers 12 instead of 16. The Wafd Party maintains that it is necessary to hold elections. The withdrawal of the four Saadist leaders for Egypt to defend her territory.

### Rome Jubilant

ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—Italian efforts to avoid war with Egypt appeared to have gained ground following an announcement from Cairo that the four most pro-British Egyptian Cabinet Ministers have resigned and have been replaced by politicians who favour a policy of wait and see. The importance which official Italian circles attach to the news is revealed by the fact that the Press Department of the popular Ministry of Culture to-day issued a special communiqué announcing the Egyptian Cabinet reshuffle.

Authoritative quarters here feel the resignation of the four Ministers is not only a distinct gain because it removes four of Italy's enemies but it further indicates that the remainder of the Egyptian Cabinet are very reluctant to go to war against Italy and that they are so far resisting the reported British pressure to do so. It is considered that the Egyptian policy in the present most critical phase of the war might decide Italy's future course, and it is hinted that General Graziani's offensive is now marking time until the issue is more settled.

### Singapore Police Hold Japanese

SINGAPORE, Sept. 22 (Domei).—The Singapore police have detained a Japanese named Shimozaki and certain other persons "for inquiries." It is stated that fuller details will be released on Monday.

## THE 'LETTER' TO KING FAROUK

The open letter in the *Messaggero*, addressed to King Farouk reads: "Your Majesty: Throw out the pseudo-Egyptianized English and the pseudo-Anglicized Egyptians who are spies and traitors to Egypt without friendship with Italy, Egypt can have no future either national, religious or international."

"The English advise you to consider us outright as an enemy and they may even force you to declare war. But why should Egypt assume a war which is not hers, an enemy which is not hers and a responsibility which is not hers? Meet our sovereign Duce and Army half way and we will advance and meet you half way if you sincerely wish to save Egypt from the ravages of war and show that a break of the solidarity between you and England has occurred; that although you are under a yoke, you are disposed to break away as soon as possible."

"Neither King, Parliament, political party any more than the army can pretend really to desire to overthrow foreign tyranny if they do not give concrete evidence of their desire. The clock of history favours no one and its hands never turn back. Your Highness, Farouk, this is a pitiless war—war for a place in the world. Young Italy is willing to help you, but at least give us a signal! This is your responsibility."

## BOMBS & LEAFLETS

### Mussolini Sends His Love To Arabs

HAIFA, Sept. 23 (Reuter).—Leaflets in Arabic protesting Mussolini's love for the Arabs were dropped at the same time as bombs when Italian warplanes raided Haifa for the seventh time on Saturday.

The bombs, which damaged a mosque, killed and severely injured people sheltering nearby.

Another bomb exploded inside a Moslem cemetery, tearing open graves and demolishing tombstones, scattered fragments of which caused casualties.

A bus carrying ten Arab passengers was struck by a bomb. The driver was killed and several passengers were injured.

A British constable immediately lifted the driver's body aside and drove the bus to hospital.

Arab and Jewish gardens worked side by side, rescuing the injured and fighting fires.

## SUPPORTS BRITAIN

### Emir Of Transjordan Makes Decision

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, Sept. 22 (UP).—The Emir of Transjordan has given his support to Great Britain in the war against Italy, according to the conservative newspaper "La Stampa" of Turin in a dispatch from Istanbul.

The dispatch adds, however, that another important Arab leader, Ibn Saud, is the Emir's enemy and forecasts that the Emir will not find the required support among the Arabs. "It has been learned from Jerusalem that the British have called upon the Emir of Transjordan, Abdullah, as the leading Arab supporter of the campaign against Italy. However, first reports reveal that the Emir, who has been in London, has refused to lend himself to the British manoeuvre. Only the Emir Abdullah, who was an accomplice of Britain in the Arab massacres in Palestine, has answered the appeal of his British master," added the report.

## LONDON RAIDED

### Bombs Dropped

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—As an air raid warning sounded in London this afternoon the sound of gunfire was heard in Central London but hitherto no incidents have been reported.

Four bombs were dropped in south-east London during this raid. They fell in an area already devastated in previous bombings.

A number of shops in north-west London were demolished during a raid to-night when one of the raiders appeared out of thick cloud and, after diving, released a stick of high-explosive bombs.

## LIABILITY ACCEPTED

### Government And Air Raid Injuries

LONDON, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—The Government accepts complete liability for air raid injuries to workers.

This was announced by Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, in a broadcast to-day.

The Ministry, she said, had received many enquiries in this connection. An owner of a shop asked: "If I keep open and serve customers during a raid, am I liable if anyone is hurt?"

A factory owner enquired: "If I allow men to work when shelters are provided, am I liable for compensation?"

A worker said: "I am willing to work through a raid but how about my wife and family if I get hurt? If I don't go to shelter they will say it was my fault."

### Under No Liability

Shop-owners and factory owners are under no liability, Miss Wilkinson said. The Government will look after the casualties and dependents with all the sympathy and support due to those who stand by their country on the eve of triumph.

The Government does not want the workers to run foolhardy risks, but any needless stoppage of work acts in favour of Hitler.

A leaflet is being brought out explaining the precautions to be taken when workers carry on during alarms.

## ITALIAN TROOPS BLOWN SKY HIGH

### In Mined Village

CAIRO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—As the enemy's lines of communication lengthen, difficulty of maintaining large forces on the forward line is increasing enormously.

British troops operating on the Egyptian front are not under-rating the fighting qualities of the enemy, who has shown signs of German tactics of advancing in waves, irrespective of casualties.

### Solid Target

They offer a solid target, show considerable courage and signs of turning tail. They suffered, for instance, very severe casualties when they entered the village of Sidi Barrani which had been heavily mined with controlled mines. When they had invaded the village, the British pulled the control switch. According to an eye-witness, the entire village, full of enemy troops, appeared to be blown into the air by the explosion.

### High British Morale

British artillery and equipment and accuracy of British gunners are proving definitely superior to that of the enemy.

British troops are in excellent spirits, looking forward to the real combat. At the same time they are showing great patience as the Italians are allowed to push on slowly to our outlying defence positions.

Meanwhile the advancing Italians have to face a harrying fire by our armoured units which are making good use of their knowledge of every inch of the terrain which the enemy has to cover.

### East African Raids

CAIRO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—In East Africa the South African Air Force attacked Birkau, where buildings were bombed and several fires started. A small factory was damaged.

Seventy per cent of the buildings were gutted. R.A.F. bombers raided Tessenet aerodrome. One enemy aircraft was badly damaged.

Enemy bombers attempting to raid Aden yesterday were driven off. No damage was done.

### Official Communiques

## Invasion Bases In Channel Bombarded

Among the official communiques released yesterday was the following by the Air Ministry regarding the bombing of enemy bases in the Channel:

The R.A.F. continued their attacks on enemy invasion bases in the Channel ports yesterday and last night.

During the day, aircraft from the Bomber Command attacked the port of Flushing, its defences and concentrations of barges, light draught vessels at Rotterdam, Antwerp, Ostend and near Nieuwen (Holland) and in the Calais-St. Omer Canal.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command operated successfully against enemy ships at sea. A convoy of 12 merchant ships was bombed near Boulogne.

A patrolling aircraft attacked a supply ship of large tonnage south of Boulogne and incendiary bombs were observed to strike the vessel.

When two smaller ships were attacked near the Dutch island of Ameland, a direct hit on one of them was followed by an explosion.

During the night, from shortly after dusk until heavily dawn the ports of Ostend, Dunkirk, Boulogne and Calais were heavily bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

Many bombs were seen to burst with good effect on ships, barges and docks, and the attacks were punctuated by fires and explosions. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.

### LONDON: Slighter Nazi Air Activity

There has been no enemy air activity on a large scale to-day although isolated aircraft crossed the east and south-east coasts from time to time.

Some of these penetrated inland over East Anglia and a few reached London.

Bombs were dropped in country districts and south-east districts of London.

A number of houses were hit. Some damage was caused to gas and water mains.

A small number of people are reported killed and injured.

One enemy bomber was shot down during the day.

### CAIRO: Italians Bomb Alexandria

Egypt: Yesterday morning Alexandria was bombed by enemy aircraft, causing negligible damage. There were very few casualties.

Palestine: Enemy aircraft again raided Haifa yesterday afternoon. Bombs were dropped on various quarters of the town, causing a cer-

## ADMITS LOSS OF SUPPORT

### Vichy Complaint

VICHY, Sept. 22. (Domei).—A Foreign Office spokesman acknowledging the occurrence of numerous anti-Vichy incidents practically everywhere in French Africa, said that General Charles de Gaulle's propaganda is gradually succeeding in Morocco, Syria, Dahomey also Togoland.

"The situation in Dahomey and Togoland is not clear. Other territories, however, are still under our control," the spokesman said.

## War Supplies From India

### 20,000 Items

SIMLA, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—A survey of India's factories will shortly be made in order to estimate the country's productive capacity for war supplies.

India to-day is producing some 20,000 items required for war purposes, including weapons, ammunition, clothing, leather, engineering and ordnance stores and numerous raw materials.

Great efforts are being made to extend the scope of production still further.

### Official Communiques

## Malta Bombs Destroy Houses

A small number of enemy fighters and bombers flew over the island this morning.

Bombs destroyed several houses and killed one civilian.

## Sloop Sunk By U-Boat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Sept. 22 (UP).—According to the Admiralty the sloop, H.M.S. Dundee has been torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat.

The next of kin of the casualties have been informed. The Dundee was a vessel of 1,000 tons and was completed in 1933. She is the third sloop to be sunk during this war.

## New Blow To Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (Domei).—Another severe blow to the Japanese has been dealt by the decree that fishing activities in Mexican waters by all excepting members of the Mexican Fishermen's Union has been banned.

According to the New York "Times" a report from Mexico City says that the presidential decree was American-sponsored.

## Daughter For Fred And Mrs. Snite

CHICAGO, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snite.

Snite, who was married in August last year, is the famous man in the iron lung who has been living in a mechanical respirator since he was stricken with infantile paralysis in China in 1936.

Before his marriage, he made a pilgrimage to Lourdes to seek a cure.

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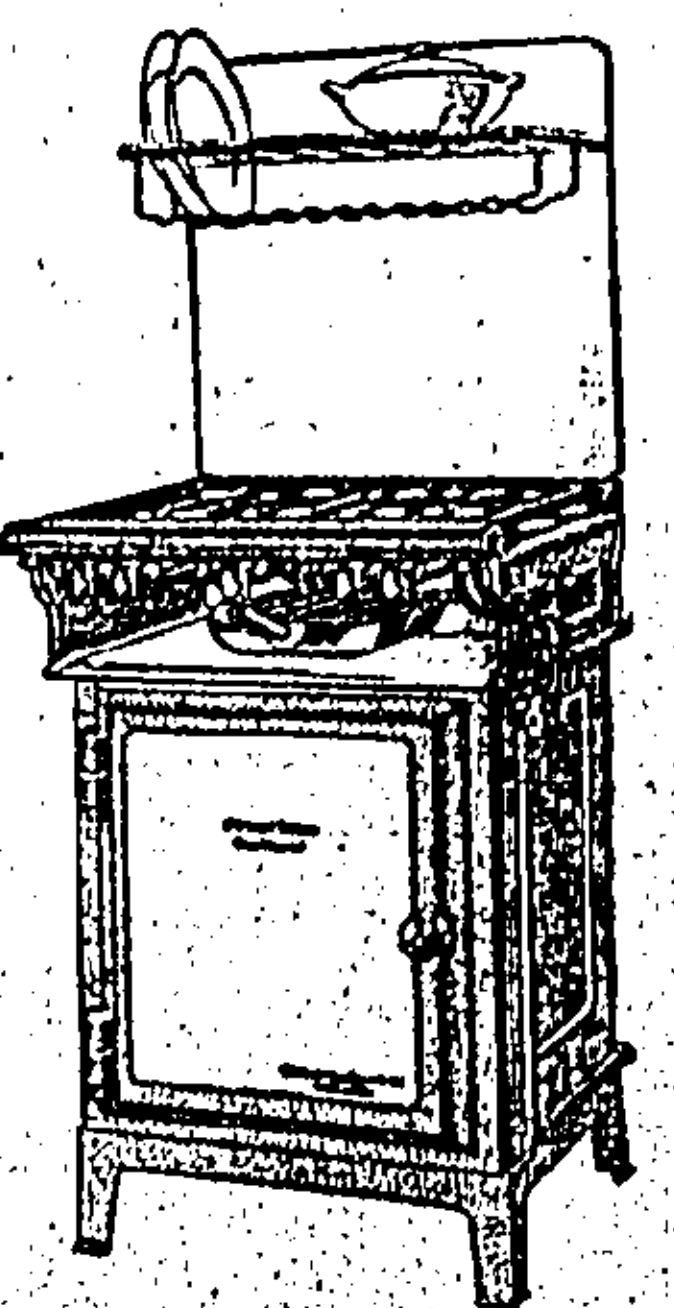


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## MAJORITY OF SIX

MELBOURNE, Sept. 22 (Reuter).—At the close of to-

day's counting, it was indicated that the state of the parties in the House of Representatives will be: United Australia Party, 25; Country Party, 15; Federal Labor, 22; Non-Communist Labor, 5; Independent, 1.

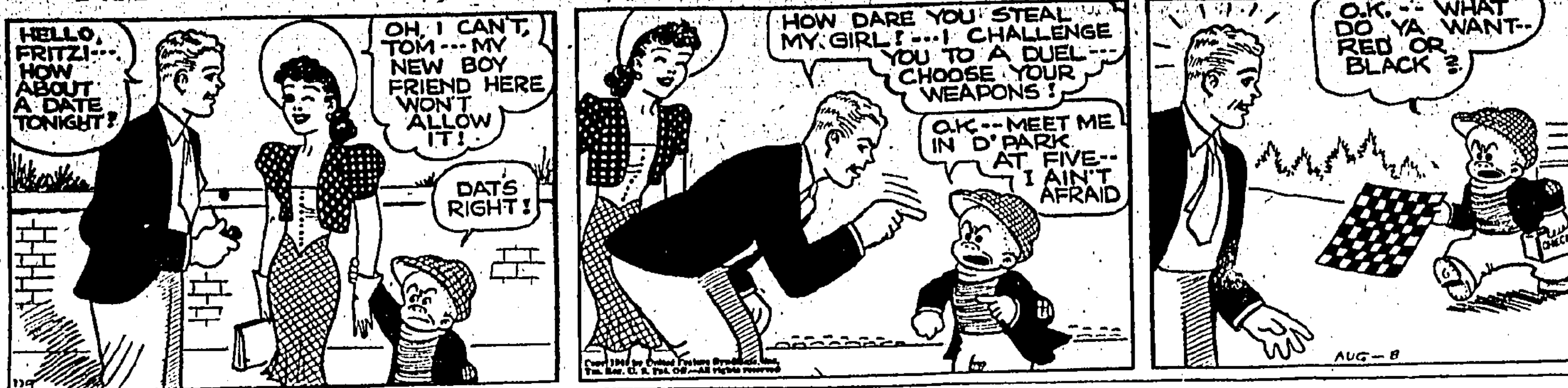
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## Girl Found Drowned With Hands and Feet Tied

Death from natural causes, probably from cholera, was the verdict returned by the Police authorities on the body of a small girl which was found floating in the harbor in a sack near the Saihung Wharf on Saturday. The dead girl's hands and feet were tied together. Foul play is not suspected. The Police believe that her hands and feet were tied together in order that her spirit could not return to haunt her people.

## Man Is Committed On Charge of \$1,000 Theft

At Kowloon Magistracy to-day, Li Hung alias Li Yun, 21, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions on charges of theft of \$1,000 and a quantity of jewellery from 59 Cumberland Road on August 27, and receiving stolen property.

Sgt. Downman said the complainant, the proceeds of the misdemeanour, Chan Yiu-chun, a 20-year-old married woman, lived at 59 Cumberland Road and under her bed was kept a leather suitcase containing two \$500 notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and a quantity of jewellery.

About midnight on August 26 Chan went to bed with one of her windows open and when she awoke the next morning she discovered the suitcase missing. There were dirty foot marks on the floor. She notified the Police and on September 7, accused was arrested by a detective. He admitted the theft and said that the watch he was wearing was part of the

### Prison Commissioner Is Robbed

Major J. L. Willocks, Commissioner of Prison, residing at Stanley Lodge, Island Road, reports that somebody entered his bedroom at 12.20 a.m. on Saturday and stole a gold watch he was wearing was part of the

## INDIAN CONSTABLE IS CHARGED WITH MURDER

The trial of Police Constable Man Singh charged with the murder of a fellow constable named Nazar Singh at Yaumati Police Station on August 6, opened before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Inspector A. E. Carey, is for the prosecution, and Nazar Singh is defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. M. A. Silva.

### Case Outlined

Mr. Reynolds said both Man Singh and Nazar Singh were constables, the former stationed at Taiipo and the latter at Yaumati. About 1.30 p.m. on August 6, Man Singh volunteered for a prisoner escort duty to the Gaol Clearing Station, and was issued with a loaded revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition. He arrived at the Gaol Clearing Station about 3.30 p.m. and after handing the prisoner over to the officer in charge, called on some friends at the Central Police Station. He was at the Yaumati Police Station between 4.10 p.m. and 4.55 p.m.

Nazar Singh and three other constables, occupied room 23 on the ground floor of the Yaumati Police Station. About 4.55 p.m. four shots in rapid succession were heard coming from the room, and P. C. Asa

Singh, who was next door, went in and found Man Singh standing some feet inside the doorway and facing the wall which ran alongside the bed in the right hand corner. Man Singh was holding a revolver in a firing position. Asa Singh closed with him from behind, seized the gun and wrapped his body. As he seized the gun, Asa Singh pushed out the cylinder, thus rendering it temporarily useless, and whilst he was doing this he saw Nazar Singh lying on the floor alongside the bed at the right hand corner, with blood flowing from his head. Man Singh then took Man Singh to the charge room and handed him over to Sub-Inspector Poyntz, the officer on duty. Meanwhile, Inspector Wright, Inspector in charge of Yaumati Division, also heard the shots from his office in room 1, but on going out to investigate he found nothing untoward. On his immediate return to the office, however, a report was made to him, whereupon he at once proceeded to room 23. He passed Man Singh in the custody of Asa Singh on the way, and on arriving at room 23 he saw Nazar Singh lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Nazar Singh was alive but in a serious condition. He was subsequently taken to Kowloon Hospital, where he died at 6.05 p.m.

**Post-Mortem Findings**  
Dr. S. Tomlinson performed the post-mortem examination and found four gunshot wounds—one just above the left eyebrow, another in the lower part of the left arm, a third in the right arm, and a fourth on the left index finger. Death was the result of haemorrhage due to the wound in the forehead.

Man Singh was charged the same evening, and in reply wrote a statement in English, saying: "He borrowed \$400 in March, 1939. He refused to pay, therefore I shot him." Mr. Reynolds concluded by saying that when Man Singh's boxes were examined, a diary was found in which was an entry dated February 12, 1939, indicating his attitude towards Nazar Singh.

**Discrepancies**  
Mr. D'Almada observed there were

certain discrepancies in Mr. Reynolds's opening in the Court below compared with the one he had just made, and asked that these be mentioned at this stage in fairness to the accused.

Remarking that he had no objection, Mr. Reynolds said: The first point is that in my opening in the Court below I said that as Asa Singh seized hold of the gun he saw Nazar Singh fall from a chair at the head of the bed on to the floor. I now say that he was lying on the floor at that time. The second point is that in the Court below I mentioned that when Asa Singh first saw Man Singh he was standing at the foot of the bed, holding a revolver in a firing position. I now say he was in fact some feet inside the door.

Dr. Tomlinson was then called, and after describing the positions of the wounds, he expressed the opinion that both men could not have been standing upright when the shots were fired. He found a bullet in the brain.

Witness agreed with Mr. D'Almada that the wound on the lower part of the body was fired from a lower level. The shots were fired from a fairly close range—less than five yards, and might have been very much closer. He found no powder burns, but the absence of these was no indication of the distance from which the shots were fired, except that they were not close up to the body. The wound on the eye brow was the cause of death and it had been the first it would have knocked the man out. If any of the other three shots were fired before it, there might have been a struggle.

The revolver alleged to have been used by Man Singh was described by Sergeant C. J. Perkins, Police Armourer, as a .38 Smith Smith Wesson. It had recently been fired from four chambers, and the expended bullets produced could have been fired from it.

Sergeant Franklin, in charge of Taiipo Police Station, said he found Man Singh a very hard working man and of a superior type of Indian. In his opinion, he was very trustworthy as far as his work was concerned. Hearing is proceeding.

## Full Casualty List Of H.M.S. Orpheus Men Who Served in Hongkong

Through the courtesy of the "United Press" we are able to publish the complete casualty list of the submarine H.M.S. Orpheus, which for some time served on the China Station, and whose ship's company were well known in Hongkong.

The list is the official one released by the Admiralty and includes five officers, 49 ratings, and a Chinese rating—all missing, presumed dead.

**Officers—Missing presumed killed:**  
Lieut.-Comdr. J. A. S. Wise, R.N. (in command); Mr. E. K. Cross, warrant engineer, R.N.; Lieut. C. T. Davies, R.N.; Lieut. P. F. Fawkes, R.N.; Lieut. J. D. Symonds, R.N.

**Ratings—Missing presumed killed:**  
Allen Donovan, A.B., D/JX 135712; Allen Stanley C., leading seaman, D/JX 140558; Armstrong, Joseph D., engine-room artificer, P/MX 48926; Ayres, William F., A.B., P/J 104425; Bevis, Percy A., leading telegraphist, P/JX 127388; Biddulph, Percy, A/Petty officer telegraphist, D/JX 135822; Burtenshaw, Claude, W., stoker 1, D/KX 93087; Butler, Leo, leading stoker, D/KX 80445; Critchell, William I G., leading seaman, P/J 108154.

Dance, James W., engineer-room artificer 2, D/MX 40010; Dolton, Leslie H., A/Leading stoker, P/KX 78513.

Ellison, James W., A/Leading telegraphist, C/JX 134273; Evans, Joseph, leading signalman, C/JX 125744.

Foreman, Charles E., A/Leading stoker, C/KX 87280; Forrester, William, A/Leading cook, D/MX 51359; Fox, Eric S. S., able seaman, C/JX 140025.

Gill, Robert V., engineer-room artificer 3, P/MX 40010; Dolton, Leslie H., A/Leading stoker, P/KX 78513.

Hardaker, Gordon, chief petty officer telegraphist, C/J 113289; Hawkins, Albert H., stoker 1, D/KX 80050.

Jones, William C., stoker petty officer, C/K 65705.

Kellaway, Leslie R., able seaman, D/JX 130673; Kemp, William W., A/Leading stoker, P/KX 80789; Kell-

son, James, electrical artificer 1, C/MX 40180.

Lumby, Roy, stoker 1, P/KX 74361.

McGarry, Michael, able seaman, D/SSX 17773; McLean, Arthur W., A/Leading stoker, P/KX 80825; Mc-

Loughlin, Noel, Stoker 1, D/KX 80808; McNally, James, A/Leading stoker, C/KX 88352; Manuel, William J., A/Petty officer, C/J 112400; Mar-

tin, George G., A/Petty officer, C/JX 90145; Powell, William J., able seaman, C/JX 128451.

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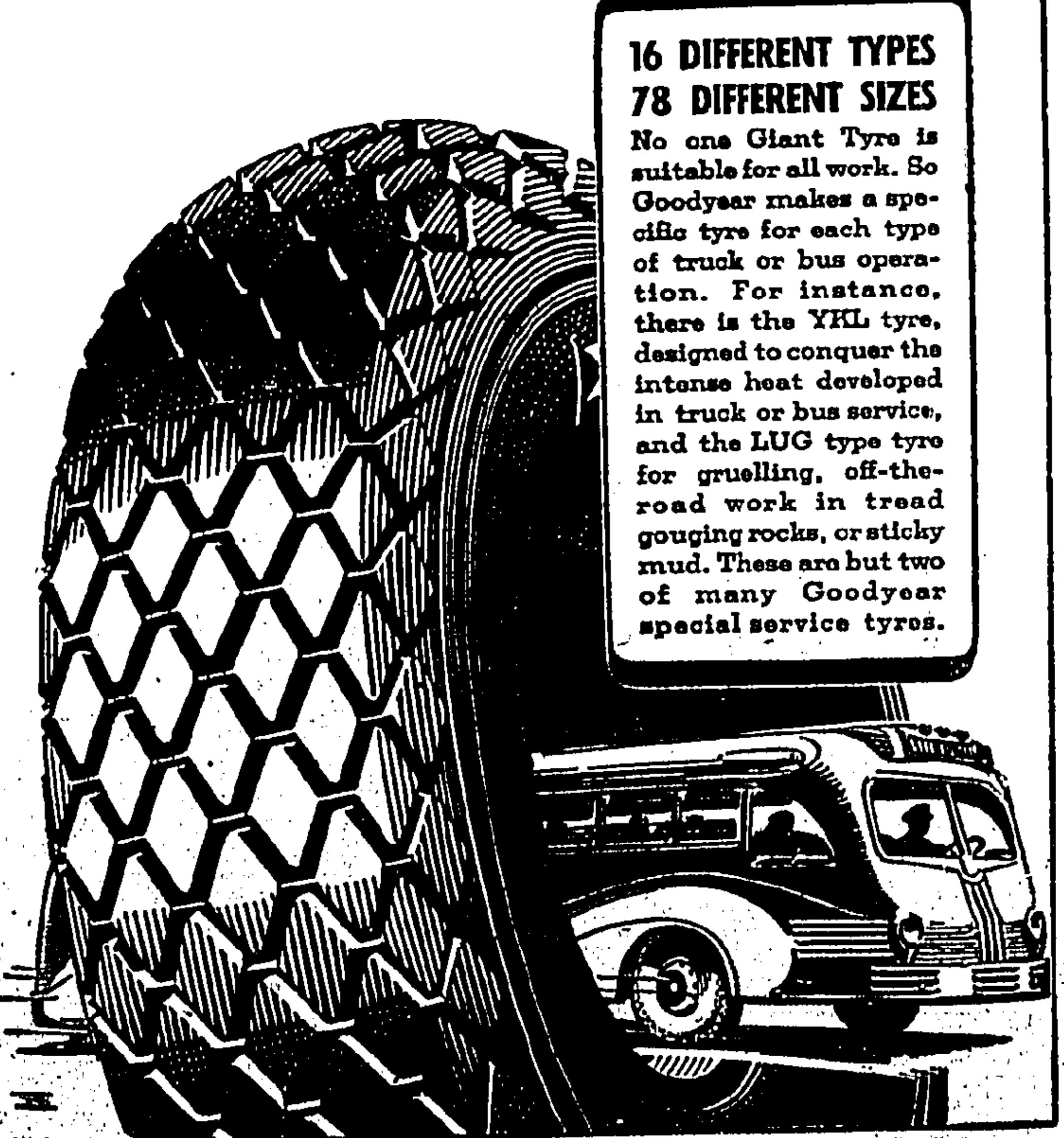
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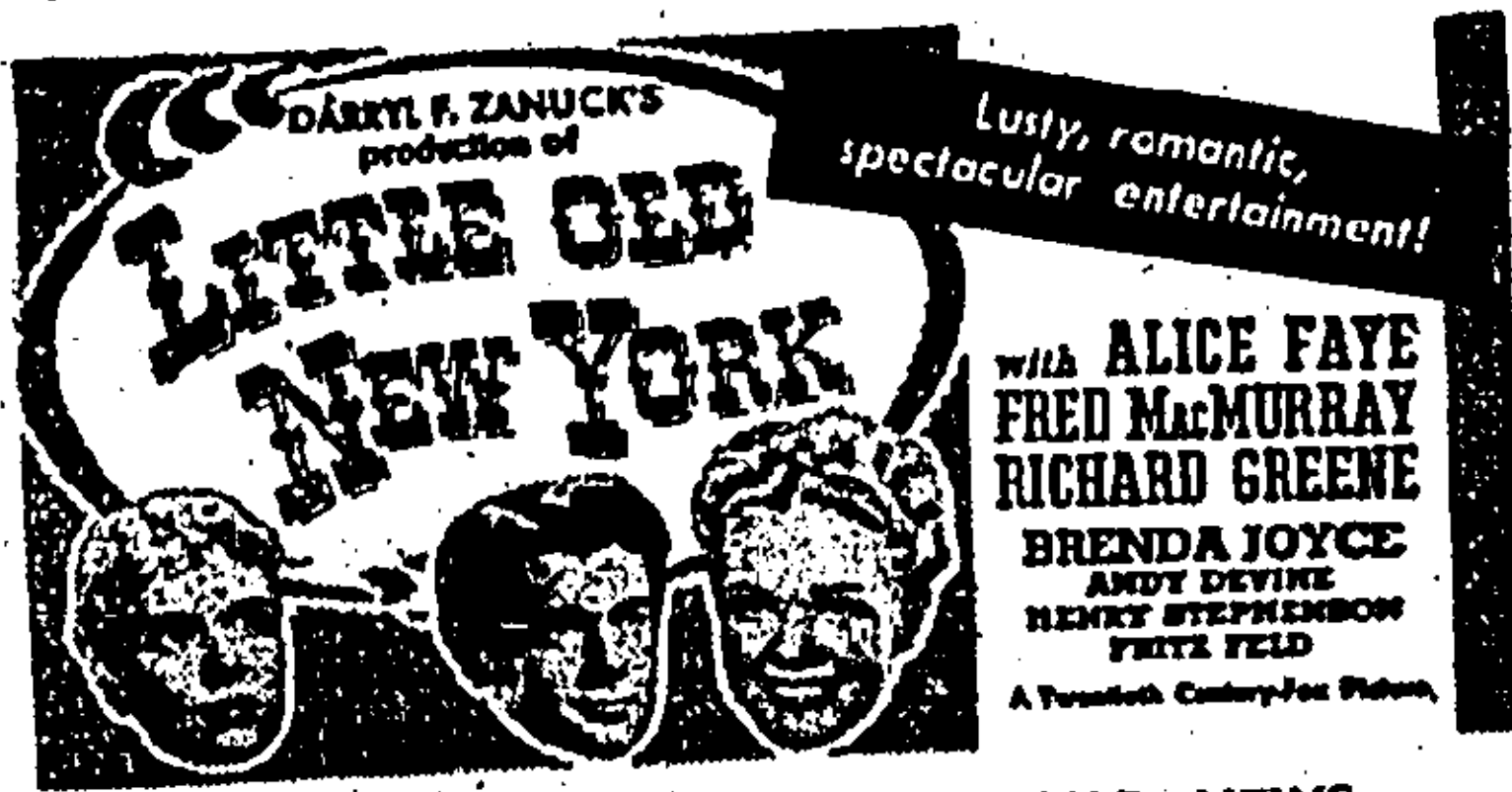
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**RESULTS**  
The following were the results:  
Trotting race—Mrs. H. S. Yung.  
Polo race—Mr. C. C. Chan.  
Sword and Rings—Mr. Yung.  
Tent Pegging—Mr. Brittain.  
Jumping contest—Mr. Leach.  
Obstacle race—Mr. E. Himsforth.  
Minors' race—Ah Fat; Chan Yung, Yeung Mei.

## JAPANESE INVASION

→ FROM PAGE ONE

and French military authorities in Hanoi for the purpose of making concrete decisions and an agreement was finally concluded on the afternoon of September 22.

### Third Power Intervention

TOKYO, Sept. 23 (Domei).—Since the Franco-Japanese understanding has been reached through peaceful negotiations, a third Power should be in a position to intervene therein, the spokesman of the Foreign Office, Mr. Yukihiro Suma, declared in a statement.

He attributed the clash near the border which has occurred despite the Franco-Japanese understanding regarding French Indo-China to some misunderstanding on the part of French Indo-China, hoping that the understanding would hereafter be carried out peacefully. Questioned at a Press interview regarding the report that the Japanese forces only this morning commenced marching into northern Tonkin, French Indo-China forces offered resistance near Dongdang, as well as how the situation would hereafter develop, the spokesman of the Foreign Office pointed out that the marching of the Japanese troops has been started in accordance with the understanding between the Japanese and French Governments and the arrangement between the Japanese and French authorities on the spot and also after a notification to the French authorities concerned. The spokesman pointed out that it was late in the afternoon of September 22 that a detailed arrangement was signed on the spot and that it was early this morning that Japanese troops started advance in accordance with the arrangement. He presumed that the border clash might have been caused due to a delay in the full transmission of the French military orders to their border guards.

### Don't Want Complications

The spokesman emphasized that the present Japanese military action has been taken in accordance with the understandings concluded with the French Government and the French authorities in Indo-China in the cause of a complete prosecution of the China Affair.

The spokesman affirmed that the Japanese action has not been actuated by any intention of invading the territory of the French colony. "Such being the case, the Japanese have no desire to complicate the situation and I believe that the incident near the border will promptly and locally be settled as the military orders of the French Indo-China authorities are brought home to the French Indo-China troops," the spokesman added.

(Domei and United Press)

## LATE NEWS

## Finding New Homes For Air Raid Victims

Authorities Given Wide Powers

LONDON, Sept. 22. (Dr. Wireless).—The Minister of Health, in a broadcast speech described details of the Government's plans of sheltering citizens who have lost their homes through senseless and brutal German air attacks.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said: "Care of those made homeless amidst bombardment of air-raid is the major activity of the Government. Many agencies are helping in the work. Local authorities have an important part to play and countless citizens are giving assistance in one way or another."

### Government Responsible

"But the main responsibility for seeing that those who are ejected from their own homes are quickly provided with another roof and with food and clothing and other necessities rests fairly and squarely upon the Government. The Government is speaking out plans worked reasonably well through all the widely scattered raids on Britain until the violent bombings of London a fortnight ago. Then the first day or two of that experience revealed some faults in our plans."

"One important thing in war is to preserve an alert eye and mind, detect mistakes as soon as they become apparent, and correct them swiftly and turn them to advantage. So in the past two weeks we have greatly improved our arrangements for looking after the homeless."

Mr. MacDonald continued: "Some boroughs have received a heavier weight of attack than others and have at times found their centres temporarily crumpled to capacity. Aid then came from other boroughs. There are ambulances to take people from centres in the more hard pressed boroughs to centres in those which have been less severely hit. In all these movements borough boundaries have been swept aside. Different areas are helping each other."

### London's Position

"The London defence region, which is even wider than that of the London County Council, is being treated as a whole."

"For people who cannot find new dwellings for themselves the official billeting officers must find billets. Here again there are no rigid boundaries between borough and borough or even between county and county. A host of people from the most heavily bombed areas of London have recently been billeted widely outside their own boroughs. This is done either by billeting people in other houses or else by putting them into unoccupied houses."

"All local authorities have full powers to requisition empty houses for this purpose and many have been executing these powers energetically for some time past. For instance, I asked the authorities of fourteen London boroughs, where there are the largest numbers of suitable empty houses, requisition those places up to capacity to accommodate more than 20,000 persons least that should be required which is not the case at present."

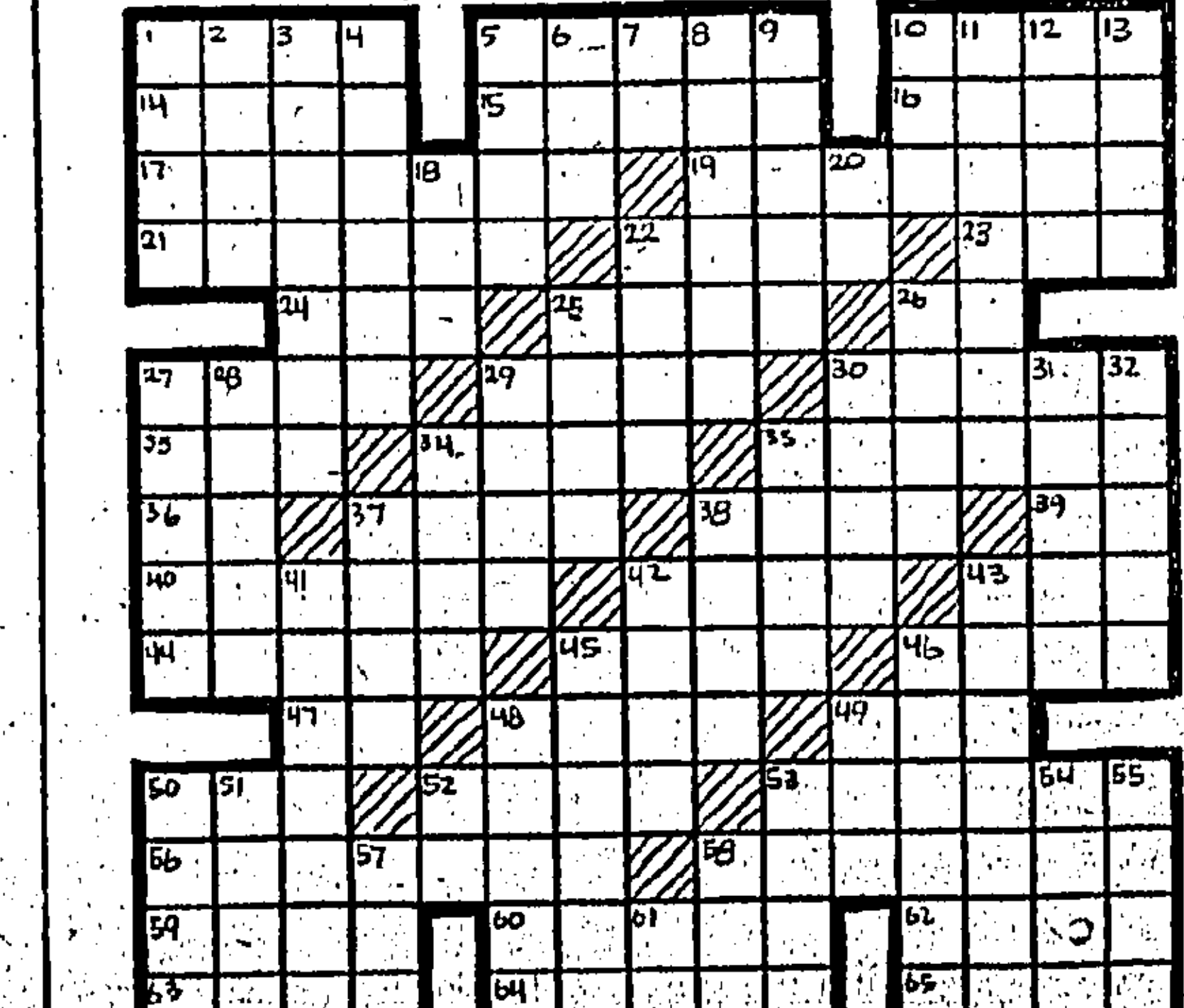
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ACROSS  
1—Swift  
2—Bride  
3—Employer  
4—Open space  
5—Provisionally  
6—Wrath  
7—Attitude (Scottish)  
8—One who is dependent  
9—Fishing  
10—Debut  
11—Before  
12—Point of compass  
13—Shelter for animals  
14—Engineering degree  
15—Prepare for publication  
16—Rough and shrewy  
17—Celtic minstrel  
18—Walking stick  
19—Dish of food  
20—In French  
21—Greater quantity of  
22—Negative answer  
23—Extricate royally  
24—Admit water  
25—Poisonous viper  
26—Recently come into existence  
27—Portion of foot  
28—Run away  
29—That is Latin  
30—Smallest oil  
31—Puff under  
32—Electric particle of red  
33—Sarcasm  
34—Automobile control  
35—Part of eye  
36—Pertaining to part of eye  
37—True-hearted

DOWN  
1—Katharsis  
2—Accessory covering of metal  
3—Combining form: moon  
4—Special aptitude  
5—At liberty  
6—Lord Advocate of Scotland (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE  
ACROSS  
1—TOWARDS  
2—New collection (obsolete)  
3—Shining particle  
4—Combining form: tall  
5—Military engineers  
6—District in Bohemia  
7—Bum  
8—Gulf: having a tendency to  
9—Upon  
10—Unusual  
11—Combining stem of plant  
12—Small piece of paper  
13—Receiver  
14—Article of same class  
15—Part of skeleton  
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